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THE RASIC SACKING

\$35,000 pay-out

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Rale Rasic and South Melbourne Hellas are heading for a legal battle over financial compensation after the club replaced Rasic with Len McKendry.

Rasic has an agreement, signed by the then president, Sam Papasavas, when the club appointed him late last year.

He says the agreement is for two years, and that it covers wages, bonuses and even CPI adjustments.

Papasavas acknowledged that he had signed an agreement but that Rasic had not added his signature to it.

"It was intended that a contract should be drawn up afterwards," Papasavas said. "Rasic stands to collect about \$35,000."

Meanwhile, the present committee, headed by Leo Anezakis, offered to pay Rasic only until the end of this season.

It offered Rasic the opportunity to continue working for the club either as promotions manager, general secretary or director of junior coaching, but Rasic declined, saying he had been hired only to coach the NSL team.

The committee voted 11-3 to sack Rasic, and the three who voted to keep him subsequently resigned. They are Jim Diamantaris, Steve Kalogeros and Nick Kamboropoulos.

Kamboropoulos quit not only over the coaching change but also over differences with Anezakis.

He claimed Rasic had been appointed for two years. "I was at the Olive Tree Restaurant when Rasic was appointed, and as far as I'm concerned, it was for two years," Kamboropoulos said.

It is believed that a number of players pushed the committee to replace Rasic as coach.

Asked whether there was any suggestion of the players sabotaging Rasic, Anezakis said: "I cannot answer this. I just believe that when you employ a manager and when



Rale Rasic

the workers are not producing, you've got to ask questions of the manager."

He said the committee had been forced to make the decision because of the team's poor results, which pushed it down to 13th position on the ladder.

"It was a hard decision, and we did not like doing it," he said. "We are all very upset."

Anezakis claimed a gentlemen's agreement existed with Rasic that the team should be at least in the top six.

McKendry is the fourth coach Hellas had in a year. John Margaritis and Tommy Docherty preceded Rasic.

Anezakis denied that Hellas's problems went deeper than merely the coaching position, pointing to the fact that the club kept Dave McLaren and Margaritis for three years each.

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McKendry: lured for a month, \$800 a week?

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

South Melbourne Hellas took about four weeks to lure Len McKendry to Middle Park and is reputed to be paying the former Heidelberg, Green Gully Ajax and Victorian State team coach \$800 a week, making McKendry probably the highest-paid coach in the land.

At Hellas, McKendry renews his coaching relationship with John Yzendoorn, Alan Davidson, Peter Laumets and Ken Murphy. All four players served McKendry well in the Victorian State team. Yzendoorn played under McKendry at Heidelberg and Murphy played under McKendry at Melbourne Croatia.

McKendry was appointed coach of Green Gully late last year after parting company for the second time with Heidelberg. His move to Hellas

last week elevated Green Gully player David Smallman to that club's caretaker coaching position, with assistance from team mate Jim Williams.

"It was a sad day for us when Len decided to go," said Green Gully treasurer Arnold Langer.

"I don't feel let down. Quite the opposite. I consider that it was a great thing for the most professional coach in Australia to drop down into State League."

"Len and I had a gentleman's agreement that we wouldn't stand in the way of him bettering himself and frankly, Hellas made him an offer he couldn't refuse. If you are a professional, no matter what your field, you always are looking to better yourself."

"After this year's Ampol Cup, I understand that Preston Makedonia approached him and at least three Sydney clubs have approached him since. I wish Len well. He's the best coach I've seen in Australia."

McKendry and Langer



Len McKendry

called the Green Gully players together at training on Tuesday night last week and told them of McKendry's move to Hellas.

"It was a pretty emotional meeting with the Green Gully players because they've worked hard for me and I've got a lot of respect for them," said McKendry.

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Showdown

By LAURIE SCHWAB

The National League will demand a share of gate takings from international matches before releasing its players for national or State teams.

The demand is certain to cause a headlong clash between the NSL and the Australian Soccer Federation which has the power to impose stiff fines on clubs withholding players from representative matches.

The NSL decided on its course of action at an executive meeting at the Mokosh club in Bondi last Saturday. It also decided that despite



opposition from the States, it will push ahead with its proposal to increase the NSL from 16 to 24 teams next season.

The ASF will vote on the proposal on July 30, and Victoria, NSW and South Australia already have declared that they will vote against it.

NSL chairman Sam Papasavas said: "Under no circumstances will we agree in future to release our players to national or State teams unless there is prior consultation, and consideration given to financial compensation out of the gates from international matches."

"Before the series against England, we asked for \$50,000 compensation, but the ASF turned us down without discussion."

"We have been co-operating fully with the States in an attempt to establish a workable dialogue with them, but when we postponed our entire league programme for the recent Queensland v. NSW interstate match, the NSW State com-

petition went ahead as usual," Papasavas said. Meanwhile, the States continue their fight against the NSL's 24-team proposal, under which NSW and Victoria would lose their best State League clubs.

Papasavas however, says the NSL will press on regardless of the opposition.

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Joe Rizzotto

When I first heard his name, I thought it was a tasty dish — price, peas and meat mixed into a lovely concoction. Rizzotto? Perhaps in a menu — but in soccer?

Well, since then I have learned to respect this bright, talented youngster, one of the successes at the Mexican junior Mundial.

In fact, oddly enough, Rizzotto and Dakos were perhaps the most consistently impressive pair in the team. Oddly, I said — because they were added to the squad at the last minute.

Were the others over-

trained and over-played during the preceding 18 months, almost without a break? A riddle for the experts, so I leave it there.

Joe Rizzotto, 19, made the most of his first-ever overseas soccer trip: he played with the confidence of a veteran, tack-

led fiercely and attacked from behind aggressively.

That marvellous floating pass of his, popping in the path of Jim Patikas to become the winner against the cocky Scots, will linger in our memory for a while.

"I've got that match on tape and I've seen it a few dozen times," says the pencil-sharp, lanky Joe, the very opposite of the "textbook" Italian build.

"Only wish we hadn't lost to the Koreans. They caught us twice as we were moving forward. We knew they were very skilful and we also knew we shouldn't let them play around or we'd be lost."

"And they still outsmarted us twice..."

Mexico didn't leave an indelible mark in Joe's mind: poor, dirty and neglected, he says.

Then he admits that he hardly saw anything of Mexico City; only the hotel, training ground, the Azteca stadium and a few souvenir shops.

"We would have loved to go and see some of the pyramids and ancient ruins but didn't have the chance. My father did, though; he was there with some other parents of the boys in the team. They seemed to like it."

One of the tragedies of international sport... teams travel half way across the world and see nothing of the world.

Since we were highly unlikely to win the Cup anyway, couldn't the officials have arranged an educational tour or two for the boys, in a country they will never visit again?

Joe Rizzotto shrugs his shoulder, it's clearly not his territory. The \$20 or \$30 daily "student" allowance he received (and isn't sure how much it really was) went on souvenirs such as sombreros.

Now, back in Marconi, Joe is one of the treasures of coach Doug Collins, one of the most astute men in the business.

"Rizzotto is a natural talent," he says. "But he is also ambitious, competitive and anxious to learn. I couldn't do without him."

And yet, Joe came into the first team only last year,

Rizzotto: teenager with the confidence of a veteran

By ANDREW DETTRE



Watson the wizard

Joe Watson, Sydney City's 31-year-old ball wizard, turned out three times for Australia against England and hardly missed a beat against a bunch of professional players with world-wide reputations.

Yet 12 years ago Watson said a serious back operation that specialists told him he would never play football again.

Impish and difficult to tackle as he coolly conjures up metres of space in which to weave his magic, Watson has enjoyed a string of club successes since coming to Australia from Scotland in 1973.

On the field all 1.68 metres of him somehow contrives to pack more skill into his size five football boots than can be imagined.

Watson's first-hand view of the recent Australia-England games is interesting, especially considering the loud discontent from sections of the crowd because of negative play.

"I simply loved the chance to play against England," he said.

"I would have been happy with only one game but I got three."

"We started out in Sydney as a very nervous side in view of England's reputation."

"The team got better and by the third match we had improved to the extent that it was not impossible to beat them."

"And I reckon that with two more games we might well have done so."

Watson said that, without wishing to delve into the contentious matter of match tactics, the most praiseworthy fact for Australia was the team spirit that acting coach Frank Arok engendered.

"We all wanted to play for each other as well as for Australia," he said.

"This was the situation that Arok handled so brilliantly. 'I have not been selected in recent squads, but other players who have been involved fully confirmed my own impression.'"

Of his fellow players Watson singled out David Ratcliffe, the defender who spent most of three games marking superstar Trevor Francis, as his man of the series.

Ratcliffe, he said, had the most difficult task of all and had proved himself to be the stopper Australia needs for the future.

Turning to his earlier career, Watson said: "I joined the Dundee United Club in 1971 after returning to Scotland from a period with Notts Forest."

"I soon made the first team and played in the UEFA Cup against Grasshoppers Zurich."

"We went down to England and played Derby County in the Texaco Cup but I found there was a problem with my back and the club physiotherapist treated me for fibrositis."

"Next, my nervous system was affected and a growth was located in my spine."

"Fortunately it turned out to be benign and although Dundee United would not risk having me back after I recovered, I had six months with Forfar Athletic before migrating to Australia."

Sydney City Hakohs soon fixed him up with a contract and he has been a regular in Australia's most successful club side ever since.

Watson was overlooked for full international honors by successive Australian coaches until Rudi Gutendorf included him against New Zealand for a match that was lost 1-0 in Auckland in 1979.

At 31 Watson claims that he does not expect to be involved in future full internationals for Australia.

But the main criteria for selection is usually whether a player is good enough or not... and by that yardstick Joe Watson might again make the grade.

Croatia's dynamos

As Melbourne Croatia attempts to unseat Green Gully Ajax as Victorian State League champions, the race between these giants centres increasingly on the respective striking combinations at either club.

Croatia last won the State League title in 1979. Both clubs boast dynamic striking duos — Ajax's Paul Lewis and Bobby Toal and Croatia's Tommy Cumming (left) and Ossie Latif (above).

Both combinations had netted 18 goals each before last weekend's league games, with Lewis heading the list on 11 goals, followed by Cumming and Latif on nine goals each and Toal on seven goals.

Surprisingly both combinations have been moulded only this year. Cumming is on the comeback from a long lay-off through injury while Toal joined Lewis at Ajax this year, after transferring from Sunshine-George Cross.



Heas wants Greek star, \$58,500 for Best

George Best should enjoy his stop-over in Western Australia after collecting a reputed \$50,000 from three appearances with Brisbane Lions.

The former great will pick up a reported \$8,500 match fee for playing a game with West Australian State League club Osborne Park. So while every NSL club struggles for financial survival the former Manchester United and Northern Ireland star flits in and out of the local scene with a hefty fee to take back to the U.K.

Greek star?

South Melbourne Hellas president Leo Anezakis wants to sign a big-name guest player from either PAOK or AEK Athens for six games. He says he will spend just before last Thursday's June 30 transfer deadline but the coaching turmoil at Hellas killed the planned switch. Dowie reportedly was set to go to Hellas for an \$8,000 transfer fee. We hear that he rang Rasie on Wednesday only to learn of the coaching upheaval and that his planned transfer no longer was in Rasie's hands.

Dowie stays

Doveton midfielder John Dowie was the mainstay of the spicy sandwich of last week which saw Rale Rasie dumped by South Melbourne Hellas and replaced by Len McKendry. We understand that Dowie was set to go to Hellas just before last Thursday's June 30 transfer deadline but the coaching turmoil at Hellas killed the planned switch. Dowie reportedly was set to go to Hellas for an \$8,000 transfer fee. We hear that he rang Rasie on Wednesday only to learn of the coaching upheaval and that his planned transfer no longer was in Rasie's hands.

Adrian Alston

Adrian Alston wants a coaching job in Melbourne. One of Australia's all-time greats, Alston was snapped up by English club Luton Town which admired his brilliance during the 1974 World Cup finals. He later played for Cardiff, and in the U.S. for the Tampa Bay Rowdies. Alston played in Sydney for St.

George, in the company of Attila Abonyi, Mike Denton, Johnny Warren, Manfred Schaefer, Harry Williams and other legendary figures, and he spent a short stint with Canberra Arrows in the NSL. During his international career he scored 17 goals in 61 games for the Socceroos. Clubs interested in appointing Alston should contact Dave Rigby on (03) 741 5172.

Top fan

West Australian Second Division club Balga boasts one of the most prominent political personalities attached to a soccer club — W.A. premier Brian Burke. Mr Burke can be seen and heard at most Balga home games. The premier is one of the most vociferous Balga fans, being a former club president. And he doesn't stand on any ceremony, just turning up and mingling with other Balga supporters and lending his vocal energy in support of the home team.

Wage cuts

Players taking wage cuts now are an established phenomenon in Australian soccer, not solely reserved for the NSL elite like Newcastle KB and Wollongong. Victorian club Heidelberg-Bundoora, which plays in the Third Division of the Metropolitan Leagues, approached its players about three weeks ago and told them that the club was struggling financially. The players decided to help out and accepted a drop in match payments. Ironically, Heidelberg-Bundoora just has clinched a sponsorship deal with The Winning Edge Health Centre, in Balwyn, which has provided the club with 30 tracksuits and T-shirts.

Sleepy soccer

The Ten network continued its promotion of soccer last Thursday night, rather, early last Friday morning. Melbourne viewers no doubt were spellbound by the White Hart Lane clash between Tottenham and Nottingham Forest, played last year. Commentator Brian Moore bid a

fond farewell at approximately 2.02 am. Ten's well-chosen time slot for this well-matched match brought back fond memories of the network's handling of the 1981 World Youth Cup played in Australia.

Weise signs

Dietmar Weise, who coached West Germany in the World Youth Championships held in Australia in 1981, has been appointed coach of Bundesliga club Kaiserslautern.

McDonalds

McDonalds super skills clinics to be held in Melbourne this month (further information on 467 6315).

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Melita

Melita Eagles have signed a very promising goalkeeper, Jose Bianco, 16 years old. He was the Leichhardt Youths. Trevno Ormrod has broken his ankle whilst training and had to be taken to hospital.

Melita Eagles' half yearly general meeting will be held on Sunday, July 17 at the Granville Town Hall, Carlton Street, Granville starting at 10 a.m.

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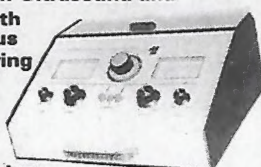
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It must have been frustrating for the NSL administrators that only 22,000 watched the entire round of matches two weeks ago.

When you consider that more than one-quarter of that total attended the Sydney Olympic-APIA match, it certainly doesn't look good for the other 14 clubs.

Where, then, is soccer heading in this country? Most of the people who follow soccer here are Greek, Italian or Yugoslav, yet the soccer administrators have been cutting out ethnic club names and trying to give the game a new look, with the result that the game has gone downhill rapidly.

Look, European people don't believe in all the American-style razzmatazz, like repl-

acing traditional names with Gunner, Rams, Strikers and so on.

Ask any South Melbourne supporter for his preference, and he'll be quick to say "Hellas".

There have been reports that Sydney Croatia should change its name if it hopes to get into the NSL, but why?

The Croatian people who run the club and support it, don't want to change the name, and they shouldn't be forced to.

This club draws a big crowd wherever it plays because the Croatian people have got right behind the team. If the name is changed, a lot of these people will be lost to soccer, and the advantage of having the club in

KAT'S CORNER

with PETER KATHOLOS



the NSL — to fill the coffers of the other clubs — will be lost.

Australian soccer needs the ethnic people, whether some administrators like it or not. Without them, our game would die, so we should be encouraging them rather than driving them away.

Just look at what has hap-

pened to soccer since the anti-ethnic drive started. Crowds have fallen alarmingly since 1977, the first season of the NSL, and if we follow the same policy, the crowds will plummet even further.

The Italians want APIA as APIA, not as Leichhardt. None of them calls the club Leich-

hardt. The same goes with J.U.S.T., Makedonia, Hellas in Adelaide, and Juventus in Adelaide.

Isn't it time the Federations started being realistic?

Youth talk rubbish

People forget very quickly, don't they?

When the Socceroos won the Merlion Cup in Singapore late last year, they beat South Korea 3-2 in the final, at full international level.

Our youth team played Korea's youth team in the World Youth Championships in Mexico recently, and we were totally outclassed, yet there's talk now that these youth players are our main hope for World Cup qualification in 1985.

All of a sudden, all these boys are good enough for the full senior team!

It doesn't make any sense at all.

Are these youngsters better than Alan Davidson, David Mitchell, Graham Jennings, Charlie Yankos, Steve Blair, George Christopoulos and others who were members of

previous youth squads and who also have four or five years of experience in senior soccer? Under this reasoning, we would be changing our national team after every World Youth Championships — every two years!

My switch to attack

My coach, Tommy Docherty, moved me to attack against APIA to take the place of suspended Marshall Soper. I enjoyed it and to score against our Italian rivals was a bonus.

What I found was that in a 4-4-2 formation, you receive more of the ball up front than in midfield and personally, I like to have the ball as much as possible.

Hard facts show folly of our youth fixation

THE ANDREW DETTRE COLUMN



It's interesting to follow the debate about the merits or otherwise of promoting several of our youth socceroos into the national team.

Arthur George and Les Scheinflug often have been quoted as strong supporters of the idea; others are more cautious.

Sadly, but not surprisingly, once again everybody approaches the issue with passion rather than logic.

Let's see some facts first.

Of the 1981 young Socceroo side only one, David Mitchell, was selected to play against England — and always as a substitute. In other words, in the two years since 1981, not one of the others has matured sufficiently to make the grade — or impress caretaker coach Frank Ark.

True, Steve Blair and Peter Raskopoulos did play for Australia earlier this year against New Zealand — but both have been dropped since.

Now, if the 1981 crop finds it so difficult to step up to full national level — what makes anyone think that the 1983 squad is ready for promotion now?

We in Australia tend to throw random facts and figures around about other countries to bolster weak arguments. Okay, let's for once see how a well-organised soccer nation such as West Germany tackles the problem of promoting youth players into senior sides.

We have taken the trouble to check all available 1983 records to study the matter.

First of all, whatever happened to their youth world champion team of 1981?

Of the 18 players who came to Australia, 11 play with Bundesliga (first division) clubs. This was their record in 1983, with the number of appearances shown after the club:

Vollborn (Leverkusen) 0, Winklhofer (Leverkusen) 31, Trieb (Frankfurt) 20, Zorc (Dortmund) 24, Brummer (Kaiserslautern) 15, Herbst (Braunschweig) 17, Loose (Dortmund) 17, Sievers (Frankfurt) 7, Brunner (Nurnberg) 14.

The others are not even on the staff of Bundesliga clubs.

How many of them have played for West Germany? None, of course.

The Germans — like all sensible Europeans — have TWO stages between their national youth and senior teams: under 21 and under 23.

We have neither although admirably, Les Scheinflug is strongly suggesting at least an under 21 side.

In Germany — or Italy, Hungary, Poland, etc. the youth (that is, under 19 team) is the least significant of the four grades.

Many players mature late, others decide against a soccer career. In other words, the age of 18 is an erratic yardstick for a future career.

So the first real test is to reach the under 21 side.

The West Germans have just appointed former star Berti Vogts to coach this team — and his recently announced new squad includes only FIVE players from the 1981 world champion under-19 side: Loose, Schoen, Herbst, Vollborn and Trieb. Of these, Schoen is playing for Second Division club Waldhof. The other 13 from the team that won the cup in Sydney two years ago are missing...

Now, of these five some will make the national under 23 team which, in reality, is the true stepping stone to full national team honors. One or two may make it; the others will be players who might have failed to impress at 18 or 20 — but come good later.

It's also interesting to study the 1983 record of the West German under 21 squad members.

Four of them play in the Second Division (with Waldhof and Furth) and only six can be said to be regulars in their Bundesliga side: Loose, Reinhardt, Falkenmayer, Schaefer, Waas and Reichert though others such as Neubarth, Storck, Herbst, von Heesen and Trieb also played more than half of the 34 games.

But let me repeat for extra emphasis: not one of the 1981 world champion team has got even near the full national squad yet.

I can hear some critics exclaim: who cares how the Germans do things?

Well, we should care: they have undoubtedly the best soccer infrastructure in the world and are the strongest

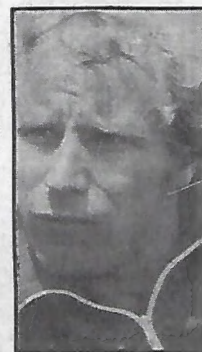


• LEFT: German under 21:

Back row, left to right: Loose (Dortmund), Reinhardt (Nuernberg), Neubath (Bremen), Storck (Bochum), Path (Kaiserslautern), Schoen (Waldhof), Herbst (Brunschweig).

Middle row: Trainer, Berti Vogts, Falkenmayer (Frankfurt), Schaefer (Stuttgart), Zimmerman (Waldhof), Vollborn (Leverkusen), Gruener (Fuerth), Kuelhorn (Bielefeld), von Heesen (Hamburg), Masser Henselmann.

Front row: Quisser (Waldhof), Waas (Leverkusen), Reichert (Stuttgart), Trieb (Frankfurt), Brefort (Hamburg).



Berti Vogts

soccer nation in Europe. Everything is planned, nothing is off the cuff, like elsewhere...

The ideal for us would be to establish an under 21 and under 23 squad and keep these going permanently. As soon as a truly talented player dips over the under 19 limit, he could be drafted into the under 21, then the under 23 team.

But this kind of structure requires considerable planning and financial outlay. The question also arises: against whom could these extra teams play regularly as we have no tournaments for such age groups in our area, as Europe does?

The agitation to promote 18-year-olds into the national side is sentimentally understandable. Some people, including the ASF president, feel there should be an immediate outlet for the likes of Patikas, McCulloch, Lowe, Dakos and others.

And so there should be — but that's certainly not the national team.

Instead of idle speculation, we again had a close look at how other countries nurture their young stars.

We studied the squads of the six countries which took part in both the 1979 World Youth Cup and the 1982 World Cup in Spain.

In the intervening three years Argentina had 4, Hungary 2, Poland 4, Spain 1, Yugoslavia 3 and the USSR not one of their youth players promoted into the senior squad from the 1979 side. I said squad! Only three of the Argentinians and one of the Poles and Yugoslavs actually played in Spain, as well as the Spanish Tendillo and the two Hungarians, Sallai and Poloskei.

Finally, to convince the mindless propagandists of "youth above everything" of their folly, we examined the ages of all the players in last year's World Cup squads.

We broke it down to three critical age groups: Under 20, Under 22 and over 30.

This chart shows the number of players in each category who were members of the squad (though didn't necessarily play):

	Under 20	Under 22	Over 30
Algeria	0	0	2
Argentina	0	1	4
Austria	0	1	3
Belgium	0	1	7
Brazil	0	1	2
Cameroon	No birthdates available		
Chile	0	1	5
Czechoslovakia	0	0	6
England	0	0	9
France	0	2	2
Germany	1	2	4
Honduras	0	0	4
Hungary	0	1	7
Nth. Ireland	1	0	6
Italy	1	2	4
Kuwait	1	4	1
New Zealand	1	1	5
Paru	0	1	9
Poland	1	2	3
El Salvador	0	1	5
Scotland	0	0	5
Spain	0	0	2
USSR	0	1	1
Yugoslavia	0	3	6

A total of seven players out of the nominated 528 were under 20 — but not all actually played... and 102 were over the age of 30 taking into account the unknown Cameroon, of whom about one in five were "old" by the yardstick of some local gurus...

That much for pushing boys into a man's job too soon.

Of course, it's also possible that in none of these above countries do they have the foggiest idea about soccer...

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Eagles fly high, Kuringai run ends

Melita Eagles shot into equal first spot following their 1-0 win over Blacktown Demons at the Gabbie Stadium. It was sweet revenge for Melita. In the third round of this year's Premiership Blacktown defeated the Eagles at Melita Stadium by the same score.

This is the sixth successive win by the Eagles and the one which coach Raul Bianco was looking for. With 10 rounds to go, the Eagles are on equal with Croatia which has a game in hand.

With only Croatia and Sutherland among the top sides yet to meet the Eagles on their home run, it is safe to assume that Melita will challenge for the Premiership.

Blacktown 0 Melita Eagles 1

Scorer: John McKie 84'.
BLACKTOWN CITY: Hoare, Wheatley, Rasmussen, Turnbull, Pointer, Salvage, Brogan, Stoddart, Walker (63' Kirwan), McLaughlin, Davies (capt of 19').
MELITA EAGLES: McPherson,

NSW State League with ALEX VESIC

Blacktown played well enough with 10 men but fell to a fine goal by McKie in the closing stages of the match.

It would be unfair to suggest that Blacktown could have won this game had one or two chances which came its way been converted. But it is fair to emphasise the fact that Blacktown gave a good account of itself and almost collected at least a point.

However, when all looked set for a draw in came McKie on the break to score a very good goal and give the Eagles equal top billing on the State League ladder. Griffith and Allan came close to scoring earlier on for the Eagles but one felt that 1-0 would have been the fairest overall result.

Kuringai 0 Sutherland 1

Scorer: Brandt, Cashman 74'.
KURINGAI: Curtis, Kavan, Hammond, Bartram, Robertson, Barry, Knight (Challenger 75'), Brockbank, Regan, Ertor, Leal.

SUTHERLAND: Haynes, Hasford, Terry, Schumann, Dallorno, Cashman, Harrington, Webber (Johnston), Clinch, Groome, Beggs.

Kuringai lost its two-year unbeaten record at home after its 1-0 loss to Sutherland at Parklands last Saturday. It was an even match with neither side gaining the ascendancy at any time, mainly due to the terrible state of the pitch. Coupled with some hard and uncompromising tackles, the game hardly rose above mediocrity, producing very few shots and rarely any play which managed to stir.

Mai Haynes made a superb save after 18 minutes following a shot by Steve Leak from 25 metres. It dipped at the left hand post and Haynes beat to make quick strides before palming the ball wide for a corner.

Nigel Groome had the first opportunity for the visitors soon after the restart for the second period but blasted his shot over the bar from 10 metres. Then Kuringai came back with two of the best chances in the match.

After 57 minutes, Stuart Regan and Clive Eaton broke through to face just one defender. Regan managed to slip past and face Haynes but his shot from 10 metres went wide.

Four minutes later it was Eaton who provided the service and Knight who made a mess of things by taking too long to control the cross allowing Brandt Cashman to chime in and clear.

Cashman was on hand soon after to add the finishing touch to a Sutherland move which took the points. Jimmy Webber made the break and sent a good cross which was partly cleared but fell to the feet of Beggs who pushed it forward to Groome. His first time shot followed with Curtis making a good save but only palming the ball away with Cashman on hand to head back into the net.

So Sutherland is back in top four calculations with this win, having collected four points against Kuringai for the season.

Bankstown 0 Polonia 0

BANKSTOWN: Lohman, Kennedy, King, Augustine, Beck, Parker, Linton, Bourke, Blackburn, Gilligan (75' Ferthinghal, Brown).

POLONIA: Barker, Irak Garlowski, Sijelj, Gorkle, Galas, Lesak, Kowalczyk, Ziggy Garlowski, Orsago, Tracey, Thomas.

Very little to fight for, yet the game developed into an entertaining battle with Bankstown dominating the first half and Polonia the second.

Shots came in from all angles and neither keeper had the chance to relax having to work very hard. It was Barker's turn during the first

Manly 2 Avala 2

Scorer: Smith 2 (M), Milne, Manly (A).

MANLY: Cassetari, Geoghean, Williamson, K. Falconer (capt off 89'), Scott, Van Helden, Stevan, Smith, P. Falconer, Stuart.

AVALA: Ahrens, Vujinovic, Deller, Barton, McKenzie, Milne, Houshield, Muniz, Fontana (J. Fernandez 78'), Burrows, Mahana (Rodriguez 83').

To make an impression on the top four Manly had to win this one and in a convincing fashion.

However, Avala had other ideas. Just one point above Manly on the ladder, a draw would have been sufficient to keep Manly at bay.

It was a torrid affair with neither side giving an inch but in the process giving plenty of stick with Vujinovic and Deller for Avala in a tough frame of mind.

After some initial exchanges Manly took the lead in the 13th minute. From Peter Falconer's lead up work, an Andy Scott shot was cleared off the line and in came Terry Smith to put it away for Manly's first goal.

Gary Milne equalised for Avala with a great 25 metre drive which hit the upright and went in, after 29 minutes.

In the 63rd minute it was Steven who pushed a through ball for Smith and Ahrens was beaten again from close range after Smith "bumped off" a poor challenge by McKenzie.

Avala made some late replacements and in the end was rewarded. Both Fernandez and Rodriguez gave Avala more purpose in attack and Cassetari was under pressure

Round 16: Polonia - Bankstown 0-0, Canterbury - Yugal 0-0, Inter Mowra - Auburn 2-0, Manly - Avala 2-2, Souths 2 (DWH), Murrumbidgee United - Sutherland 0-1, Cammerlangh - Melita Eagles 0-1, Mickle.

TABLE					
CROATIA	9	4	1	27	22
MELITA EAGLES	10	2	2	28	20
BLACKTOWN	10	0	4	29	10
KURINGAI	4	4	2	17	17
Avala	5	0	3	16	16
Sutherland	3	0	4	10	15
Manly	5	5	2	22	15
Inter Mowra	5	4	2	22	14
Yugal	3	0	5	14	12
Polonia	3	0	6	19	11
Canterbury	4	2	5	19	10
Bankstown	2	3	10	17	7
Auburn	1	1	11	13	3

THIS WEEK
Saturday: Mowra Park, Auburn-Manly Warringah.
Sunday: Fraser Park, Yugal-Bankstown; Melita Stadium, Melita-Canterbury; King Tomlinson, Croatia-Kuringai; Seymour Show, Sutherland-Inter Mowra; Knight Park, Avala-Blacktown.

SATURDAY
STATE LEAGUE 2ND DIVISION: North Bankstown vs Fairy Meadow at Putta Park; Parrish United vs Ural at NSW, at Cook Park; Wollongong United vs Rockdale Helios at Police Reserve Ground.

STATE LEAGUE 3RD DIVISION: Queens Park 15.5 vs Mt Druitt Town at Enkiville Oval; Liverpool Abdon vs Kingfield at Stanwell Park No. 1; C.S.I. vs Campbelltown City at Schofields Park; Lane Cove United vs Bendi Marne at Putney Ground.

INTER URBAN 1ST DIVISION: Manlyville District vs Chisholm at Canal Sea Park; Eastern Creek vs Sporting Club at Crows Nest; Port Hacking vs King Tomlinson at Seymour Show Park.

INTER URBAN 2ND DIVISION: Chisholm vs Padstow Park at Mowra Park No. 13; Sydney Macabbi vs Chiswick at Sydney Athletic Field; Moorbank vs Pymorewood at Hazzardville Field.

INTER URBAN 3RD DIVISION: Macquarie Utd. vs Robins at Macquarie Utd. Oval; Liverpool City vs Hyde District at Ernie Smith Reserve; Blacktown Wanda vs Green Valley Utd. at Pearce Park Reserve; Stiffville U.S. vs Newbury Rowers at Braemar Park.

INTER URBAN 4TH DIVISION: Dulwich Hill vs Hesperus Rowers at Mowra Oval; Murrumbidgee vs Wollongong at Mowra Oval; Murrumbidgee vs Wollongong at Mowra Oval.

Inter Mowra vs Wollongong at Murrumbidgee Oval; Chisholm vs Blacktown Workers at Lockwood Park; Canterbury vs Sutherland at Ingleton's Bridge Reserve; Canby Hill vs Concord Juniors at Fred Catteran Reserve.

STATE LEAGUE 1ST DIVISION: S.S.E. Yugal vs Bankstown at Fraser Park; Melita Eagles vs Canterbury at Melita Stadium; Cranley Sydney vs Kurling Utd. at King Tomlinson Park; Sutherland City vs Inter Mowra at Seymour Show Park; Avala vs Blacktown City at Knight Park.

STATE LEAGUE 2ND DIVISION: New Wily vs Wollongong at Ernie Smith Reserve; Blacktown United vs Parramatta City at Francis Park; Gladesville Rowers vs Arrowsmith at Paul Park; Berrara vs Wollongong at Berrara Oval.

STATE LEAGUE 3RD DIVISION: North Ryde vs Berrara 7.5 at North Ryde Oval; Blacktown Hills vs Bendi Marne at Tall Harwood Reserve No. 3; Campbelltown City vs Enkiville Utd. at Lyonswood Park; C.S.I. vs Lane Cove Utd. at Schofields Park.

INTER URBAN 1ST DIVISION: Newbury District vs Wollongong at St. John's Park; Sydney Utd. vs Wenty Warrick, Fairfield Glen & Fairfield West at Knight Park No. 1; Eastern Creek vs Concord Juniors at Concord Juniors Oval.

INTER URBAN 2ND DIVISION: Sydney Macabbi vs Moorbank at Sydney Athletic Field; Chiswick vs West United at Endeavour Sports Res. No. 8; West St George vs Eastwood S.A. at East Park; Padstow Park vs Chisholm at Stuart Street Reserve; Campbelltown City vs Pymorewood at Pymorewood Reserve.

Inter urban 3RD DIVISION: Newbury District vs Green Valley Utd. at North Ryde Oval; Stiffville U.S. vs Blacktown Wanda at Braemar Park; Berrara Rowers vs Hesperus at Berrara Oval.

INTER URBAN 4TH DIVISION: Liverpool Rowers vs Hesperus at Hesperus Reserve; Dulwich Hill vs Dulwich Hill at Dulwich Hill; Dulwich Hill vs Dulwich Hill at Dulwich Hill.

Yugal managed to create half a dozen decent opportunities but, as if mesmerised by Ali El Zein, kept shooting straight at the keeper. To add to this El Zein was in fine touch making some splendid saves.

At the other end, Peter Berry did likewise and in fact saved Yugal after an indiscretion by Turkubieu. Canterbury was awarded a penalty kick and Nick Theodorakopoulos took it, however the league's leading goalscorer failed on this occasion as Berry made a splendid save.

Andreas, Binos, Anagnostopoulos, Leont, Vassiliou, Hall, Theodorakopoulos, Thaminides, Easterfield.

Yugal: Berry, Turkubieu, Forster, McIntosh, Clarke, Pahor, Banjac (Goalie), Mihajlovic (Bumgartner), Roderick, Zivkovic, Tanoski.

The Manly keeper was out of position, anticipating a lob or a cross and was punished for it. To add to Manly's woes, Keith Falconer was sent off with a minute of the match remaining. First, he received a yellow card, then after further "consultation" with the referee it was red card time. It was a sad blow for Manly which had the game in its grasp with three minutes to go then lost a point and a player in the space of two minutes.

Canterbury 0 Yugal 0

CANTERBURY: El Zein, Hantzis,

Croatia tops in Tassie

CALEDONIANS 3 (Schweiger 25, Nichols 75, King 77)
University 0

CALEDONIANS: Di Venuto - Reina, Pillans, Tagliari, Adams - Nichols, Kelly (Angel 78), King, Schweiger - Parker, Maccalini (Dixon 85).

UNIVERSITY: Derby - Edwards, Hargrave, Gallegos, Forshaw - O'Brien, Kerr K. Broadhouse 80, Jenkins - Shearman, Groat, Crowther.

The vagaries of weather and form! A week of ice and snow had been replaced by torrential rain which turned Grove Road into a swimming pool, and University's crisp finishing, which disposed of Rapid last week, was replaced by an inept performance that saw the students fail to put a single shot on target.

Sunday's intra-state clash between the Northern and Southern State League representative teams had already been called off when this match got underway (the second half of round 12 games was scheduled for early August anyway). Schweiger prodded home the first goal in the 25th minute after a header had been blocked but Univer-

sity had-had as much of the play, if not as many scoring chances.

Two fierce shots by Nichols and King within two minutes of each other late in the game, however, saw the University challenge sink amid the puddles.

CROATIA 2 (Oakes 63, 73)
OLYMPIA 2 (Nichols 2, P. Sherman 27, pen.)

CROATIA: Huigslot - Cowen, Spodiff (Bacic 78), Kirkpatrick, Collins - Trueman, Peters (Cahut 68) Nunn, Furgjenc - Oakes, Thomas.

OLYMPIA: Harrison - Paplos, Edwards, M. Sherman, Velasquez, Nay, P. Sherman (Bolton 46), Paday, Wright 8 Nichols, Forster.

Everyone was hoping that the main feature of the double-header would be called off. But, the waves created by the evening's first encounter had hardly subsided when Olympia and Croatia kicked off.

Nichols put Olympia in front after only two minutes with a lob from a tight angle after Huigslot had needlessly left his goal unattended and then became marooned between the Olympia striker and the deep blue sea which was the goal-

mouth. It was Huigslot again who conceded the second goal when he brought down Peter Sherman and the same player easily converted the penalty.

Croatia's chances seemed to have been torpedoed by these first-half goals, but, honour was restored and points shared in the second half when Oakes scored twice. The second of these was a Greek tragedy! Michael Sherman's attempted back-pass to his 'keeper stuck in the mud for Oakes to run onto the blast past Harrison.

Olympia's chances had been diminished at half-time when the dynamic Peter Sherman was substituted because of minor concussion following a clash of heads with Kirkpatrick. His replacement, Ronnie Bolton, normally a very skilful player, wears glasses, however, and in the prevailing conditions his visibility must have been zero.

Olympia, in effect, were playing with ten men.

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CADSBURY STATE LEAGUE

Croatia	9	2	21	17	18
Juvetans	8	1	25	10	17
Olympia	6	4	27	21	18
Rapid	5	2	4	17	12
Caledonians	4	3	5	26	11
Metro	4	2	5	18	10
University	3	0	9	14	6
White Eagles	1	0	10	11	2

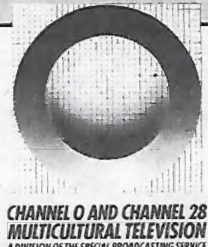
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Neil Banfield, the Adelaide City Juventus sweeper, climbed to within four votes of leader Charlie Yankos (Heidelberg) in the \$1500 Boral Bricks Best Player award at the weekend.

Claude Lucchesi moved into the lead in the Boral Bricks \$1000 top scorer's competition by bringing his tally to eight goals.

SOUTH MELBOURNE
HELLAS 0 ST GEORGE BUDAPEST 2 (Xanthopoulos o.g., Marton) at Middle Park. Crowd about 2000. Votes by Laurie Schwab:

6. Davidson (SM), 5. R. O'Shea (St.G), 4. M. O'Shea (St.G), 3. Ratcliffe (St.G), 2. Brown (SM), 1. Skeen (St.G).

PRESTON-MAKEDONIA
4 (Odzakov, Ilioski, Ollerton, Lucchesi) BRISBANE CITY 0 at Connor Reserve. Crowd about 2500. Votes by Peter Desira:

6. Odzakov (Mak), 5. Ilioski (Mak), 4. Campbell (Mak), 3. Wilkinson (BC), 2. McMillan (Ma), 1. Opasini (Mak).

NEWCASTLE KB UNITED 0 **NARCONI-FAIRFIELD** 2 (Brown, Jankevics) at Speers Point Park (mid-week). Crowd 2417. Votes by Joe Lanzoni:

6. McCulloch (M), 5. Jankevics (M), 4. Mason (N), 3. Brown (M), 2. Bozanic (M), 1. Lowe (N).

BRISBANE LIONS 2 (Niven, Daunt) **SYDNEY OLYMPIC** 1 (Katholos) at Perry Park. Crowd about 3000. Votes by Ricky Rosso:

6. Wright (BL), 5. J. Stewart (BL), 4. Raskopoulos (SO), 3. Niven (BL), 2. Coady (SO), 1. Hogg (BL).

CANBERRA ARROWS 1 (Bryant) **FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T.** 0 at Bruce Stadium. Crowd 1450. Votes by Peter Windsor:

6. Bryant (C), 5. Boland (JUST), 4. Walsh (C), 3. Hazabent (JUST), 2. McDo-

well (JUST), 1. Hoszowski (C).

WEST ADELAIDE 1 (A-salas) **WOLLONGONG** 1 (Cotton) at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd 950. Votes by Frank Pangallo:

6. Fleming (SV), 5. Cotton (W), 4. Honeyman (WA), 3. O'Connor (W), 2. Gaffney (W), 1. Heys (WA).

MARCONI-FAIRFIELD 3 (Sermanni, Licata, Brown) **ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS** 2 (Mella, Mullen) at Marconi Stadium. Crowd 1746. Votes by Alex Vesic:

6. Sermanni (M), 5. Mella (AC), 4. Villani (AC), 3. Banfield (AC), 2. Henderson (M), 1. Jankevics (M).

APIA-LEICHHARDT 3 (Morsello, Bradley, Bertogna) **NEWCASTLE KB UNITED** 2 (Burke, Mason) at Lambert Park. Crowd 900. Votes by Stephen Detre:

6. Mariani (APIA), 5. Butler (APIA), 4. Bertogna (APIA), 3. Burke (N), 2. Watson (N), 1. Bradley (APIA).

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH 2 (Kosmina, de Marigny) **HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER** 0 at Sydney Athletic Field. Crowd 1023. Votes by Roger Dewick:

6. O'Connor (SC), 5. Watson (SC), 4. McKie (H), 3. Sourses (SC), 2. Boden (SC), 1. Spanos (H).

Leaders:
43. Yankos (H), 39. Banfield (AC), 37. O'Connor (W), 34. Hoszowski, Bryant (C), Sermanni (M), Burke (N), 32. Davidson (SM), 30. Greedy (St.G), 29. Belic (JUST), Bradley (APIA), 28. Odzakov, GY. Campbell (Mak), B. Nyskubus (AC), 27. Ratcliffe (St.G), Jones (Mak), 26. Honeyman (WA), Lucchesi (Mak).

Old foes, bitter memories

This week's NSL matches, with likely winners in capitals:

WEDNESDAY (tonight)

Wollongong v. SYDNEY OLYMPIC at St George Stadium, 8 pm.
Record: W'gong 3 wins, 0 draw, 1 loss, 7-4 goals.

FRIDAY

Brisbane Lions v. ST. GEORGE BUDAPEST at Perry Park, 8.15 pm.
Record: St George 2 wins, 7 draws, 1 loss, 11-10 goals.

SUNDAY

HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER v. South Melbourne Hellas at Olympic Village, 3 pm.
Record: H'berg 6 wins, 5 draws, 2 losses, 21-10 goals.

ST. GEORGE BUDAPEST v. West Adelaide Hellas at St George Stadium, 3 pm.
Record: St. Geo 6 wins, 2 draws, 3 losses, 17-9 goals.

Wollongong v. PRESTON MAKEDONIA at Ziem's Park, 3 pm.
Record: Mak 2 wins, 2 draws, 1 loss, 8-7 goals.

Brisbane City v. APIA-LEICHHARDT at Spencer Park, 3 pm.
Record: Brish.C 4 wins, 4 draws, 1 loss, 11-7 goals.

MARCONI-FAIRFIELD v. BRISBANE LIONS at Marconi Stadium, 3 pm.
Record: Marc 6 wins, 3 draws, 4 losses, 17-11 goals.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC v. Canberra Arrows at Pratten Park, 3 pm.
Record: Can 5 wins, 4 draws, 2 losses, 17-12 goals.

Footscray J.U.S.T. v. Sydney City Hakoah (draw) at Schintler Reserve, 3 pm.
Record: Syd.C 6 wins, 5 draws, 2 losses.

Adelaide City Juventus v. NEWCASTLE KB UNITED at Olympic Sports Field, 2.30 pm.
Record: NEWC 3 wins, 7 draws, 1 loss, 17-14 goals.

Len McKendry and John Yzendoorn return on Sunday to the home of Heidelberg-Alexander, the club that discarded them.

Yes, folks, it's time again for the traditional local derby between Heidelberg and Hellas. Their meeting at Middle Park early this year drew a crowd of 17,000. This time the game is at the Olympic Village, and it's Alexander's turn to cash in.

There will be more needle in this game than in any previous clash between the clubs.

McKendry, former coach of Heidelberg, is now coach of Hellas, and Yzendoorn, who played sweeper for Heidelberg, may be in that position for Hellas on Sunday, although he has been playing left back of late.

Heidelberg president Sam Gouloupoulos inflamed the situation further by claiming this week that McKendry's tactics cost the club supporters last year.

"We'll just stand back and

count Hellas's backpasses. When they number about 2000, we may just have to break it up," Gouloupoulos said with a chuckle.

But the Hellas players are quietly confident of victory.

Against St George, our organisation was quite a bit better, we were closing down much faster, and a lot of the players put in much better performances," said Doug Brown. "I think we can go on from here."

Asked whether playing away from home was worry to Hellas, Bobby Russell said: "I don't care where we win."

Heidelberg coach Ken Morton said Heidelberg would play its normal game, and the team will be unchanged from last week. McKendry may bring in Oscar Crino, who was a substitute against St George.

Heidelberg's goal machine, Gary Cole, had his first run in the Second Division, since recovering from an ankle operation. "He did quite well, contesting everything and running hard, so he might be on the

bench on Sunday," Morton said.

If Hellas loses this one, it could drop to third-last position, as Brisbane Lions, inspired by George Best, and only two points behind Hellas, play twice this week - against St George on Friday and Marconi on Sunday. Both games are in Brisbane.

Heidelberg wants a victory to compensate for the five positions it fell as a result of its 0-2 loss to Sydney City Hakoah.

Meanwhile, Paul McGee, an Eire international striker who last played for Burnley in England, will play the first of his six guest matches for Footscray J.U.S.T. against Sydney City Hakoah at Schintler Reserve on Sunday.

McGee was sold by Queen's Park Rangers for \$200,000 when Tommy Docherty was QPR's manager. He also played for Preston North End.

J.U.S.T. drew 1-1 with Hakoah in Sydney last time, and the arrival of McGee will add sting to its attack.

NATIONAL LEAGUE STANDINGS

	HOME					AWAY						
	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Gls	PT
1. (1) Preston Makedonia	7	1	0	19	5	2	3	1	6	28	11	31
2. (3) Sydney City Hakoah	4	3	12	3	3	1	3	8	12	20	16	25
3. (2) Newcastle KB United	4	3	11	4	4	3	0	13	9	24	13	24
*4. (5) St. George Budapest	4	2	0	9	4	2	2	3	4	13	8	22
5. (10) Canberra Arrows	5	1	16	5	1	1	6	7	12	23	17	20
6. (11) APIA-Leichhardt	5	1	2	15	8	1	1	4	9	21	18	20
7. (13) Marconi-Fairfield	4	1	2	14	13	2	1	4	9	23	22	20
8. (4) Brisbane City	3	2	13	12	2	3	2	6	12	19	24	20
9. (8) West Adelaide Hellas	4	3	10	9	1	2	2	4	6	14	15	19
*10. (6) Sydney Olympic	1	1	3	6	5	4	2	2	11	7	17	12
11. (7) Heidelberg-Alexander	4	1	1	8	2	0	5	3	4	9	12	13
112. (9) Adelaide City Juventus	3	2	2	9	8	2	1	5	8	13	17	18
13. (12) South Melbourne Hellas	2	2	4	9	12	2	1	3	6	10	15	22
*14. (15) Brisbane Lions	4	0	2	16	6	0	1	6	5	23	19	28
15. (14) Wollongong	0	5	1	6	7	1	3	4	12	17	18	24
16. (16) Footscray J.U.S.T.	1	2	3	4	13	1	2	5	4	14	8	27

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Coaches finish themselves at Hellas: Anezakis

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"We do not sack coaches. They finish themselves by not winning games," he said.

"This year we spent a lot of money, and we have the strongest support in the league, so we must have success. All the coaches know this."

Asked to what extent he held the players responsible, he said: "They perform according to what the coach advises them. If they don't produce, the first one you have to talk to is the coach."

Anezakis added however, that the team had suffered from a star syndrome. "Eleven stars do not make a team," he said.

Hellas sacked assistant coach Jack Reilly along with Rasic, but retained Jim Armstrong as coach of the State League team.

Rasic joined Hellas when

the club was about \$90,000 in debt, and helped put the club on a firmer financial footing, even though he bought Ken Murphy (Croatia), John Yzen-dorn (Heidelberg), Oscar Crino (Tung Sing), Bobby Russell (Adelaide City) and Doug Brown (Macedonia) for a total of about \$70,000. He offset these purchases by selling John Stevenson and Gerry Bennett to Sunshine-George Cross, George Hannah to Croatia, Billy Rogers to Juventus and Alan Evans to Morwell Falcons.

In addition, the early euphoria surrounding the club contributed to a bumper crowd of about 17,000 against Heidelberg at Middle Park.

Rasic would not comment about his sacking, apart from expressing his bitter disappointment.

"I just want to get the financial aspects sorted out and

return to Sydney as quickly as possible," he said.

Rasic joined Hellas from Blacktown City. Before that he coached Adelaide City Juventus, Marconi-Fairfield, Pan Hellenic, St. George Budapest, Melbourne-Hungaria and Footscray J.U.S.T.

He was national coach from 1970 to 1974, and also coached the Victorian and NSW State teams.

Jim Diamantaris, who resigned from the Hellas committee, claimed "player power" had contributed to the overthrow of Rasic.

"How long can we allow the club to be run by players? They helped get rid of John Margaritis as well," Diamantaris said.

"Rasic could have stopped this. Perhaps not this year, but certainly next year."

"Who knows whether the players won't do the same to McKendry?"



David Smallman — new coach of Ajax

McKendry lured for a month

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"Hellas presents me with an enormous challenge, because of the players they've bought this year and the results obviously expected of them. My immediate task is to organise the side. I must find out why performances haven't matched reputations so far."

"I'll have to look at each player individually. Is Doug Brown a well-playing striker or is he best suited to a more centralised role? Is John Yzen-dorn settling in well at left back or is he best used elsewhere? Is Kenny Murphy a central midfielder or best used wide on the left side? These are the sorts of decisions I'll be making in coming weeks."

McKendry will have major teething problems at Hellas. He'll find himself in the midst of an administrative upheaval and while he may feel that he can divorce himself from such problems and concentrate

solely on the playing side of things, reality may prove vastly different. No doubt McKendry will win the respect of the senior players in his squad but Hellas' problems are deep rooted and lie within the administrative structure of the club.

Some would have it that player-power, a popular phrase of late, unseated John Margaritis as coach last year and has led to Rasic's demise. A group of influential supporters are adamant that four senior players approached the committee recently and said that they no longer could play under Rasic. Whether or not this gang of four exists, the mere fact that major spheres of influence who believe in this story will pose continual problems this season for president Leo Anezakis and his fast diminishing committee supporters and may only be resolved at the end-of-season annual general meeting.

It strikes me that too many

committeemen in the past have been motivated mainly by egotistical pursuits, putting the gains of status and prestige before the good of the club.

If that's so, then it is shameful, because South Melbourne Hellas has the crowd pulling power, and therefore the potential income source to lure to the club soccer expertise second to none in Australia. Surely that is one of the major prerequisites for success. In recent times, the Hellas story reads like a Spike Milligan tragic-comedy, something like "South Melbourne Hellas - my part in its downfall," co-authored by a host of past and present administrators.

If rumors about player-power are true, they are a stinging indictment of the integrity of the committee to come to terms with a group of performers enjoying the best wages and conditions in this country, for such a minimal output of recent.

BODEN BACK AT HIS BEST

By ROGER DEWICK

Sydney C. 2 Heidelberg 0

Played at Sydney Athletic Field.
Referee: P. Rample.
Attendance: 1023.
Scorers: Kosmina (9 mins), de Marigny (89 mins).
Cautions: O'Connor, Kay (S.C.), Macleod (H).

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH: Clarke 7, Sonness 8, Robertson 7, O'Connor 9, Cant 6, Kay 5, Watson 8, de Marigny 6, Boden 8, (Murray 78th), Kosmina 7, Mitchell 6.

HEIDELBERG: Olver 7, McKie 8, Tansley 6, Spanos 8, Macleod 6, Petersen 5, Selamidis 5, Campbell 7, Lee 7, Yankos 7, Toro 5 (Valentine 62nd).

A half-hour of vintage Sydney City backed up by a solid 2nd half defensive effort and the added bonus of the return of Ken Boden sent Heidelberg away from the Athletic Field pointlessly and a little luckily only to lose by two goals.

Nothing happened for the first nine minutes and then, out of nothing, John Kosmina put the Slickers in front with one of those goals that are talked about for years.

Eight metres from goal, facing the wrong way, a bouncing waist high ball — and an incredible overhead bicycle kick sent the ball in the net off the inside of the post.

Then the Slickers put it all together — except the final touch which would have given them more goals. Boden, obviously rusty from a long lay off, began to fire and Joe Watson found all the space he needed to torment Heidelberg down the right.

Spanos was in the forefront of the Heidelberg effort to restrain the Slickers in this period, with Yankos and McKie also prominent. But their 4-2 system gave them the most chance of relieving the almost constant pressure.

Long hopeful high balls into the Slickers defensive zone with only two runners lacking in pace and bite were easy pickings for O'Connor and Sonness in particular (the latter coming back to his best form).

It was only when McKie chimed into attack down the right flank that the Slickers were forced to pack up in defence.

After the interval Heidelberg pushed more men forward and moved up more quickly on the Slickers in possession, causing them to lose their rhythm and purpose.

It was still the lack of pace up front and failure to spread the ball wide which was Heidelberg's undoing. They had the midfield for 20 minutes but were incapable of using it as a springboard to create chances.



The two goalscorers at Middle Park — Arthur Xanthopoulos (left) of Hellas and Dez Marton of St. George.

And now they want to sack the committee

SM-HELLAS St. George 2

Goals: Xanthopoulos own goal 15th, Marton 26th.
Venue: Middle Park.
Crowd: about 2000.
Referee: Jack Johnston 9.
Cautions: Ratcliffe, M. O'Shea (St. G.).

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS: Laumets 6 — Russell 8, Blair 7, Xanthopoulos 7, Yzen-dorn 7 — Davidson 9, Holford 7, Murphy 7 — Brown 8, Egan 7, Buljevic 7 (Crino 70th).

ST. GEORGE BUDAPEST: Greedy 8 — Skoen 8, Ratcliffe 8, M. O'Shea 8, R. O'Shea 8 — Stone 7, J. O'Shea 8, Barton 6 — Sletter 6, Wilkinson 7, Marton 7 (Petkovski 87th).

Trouble continues at South Melbourne Hellas after the mid-week coaching change which saw Len McKendry replace Rale Rasic.

Members collected about 60 signatures on a petition calling for the extraordinary general meeting of the club within a fortnight.

Spokesmen for the militant members claimed after the game that "it should be the committee, not the players, that runs the club."

The members will push at the meeting for major committee changes.



A large group of them also had a heated discussion with McKendry over the team's performance, after the match. McKendry pointed out with justification that Hellas had had about 70 per cent of the play. True, but an own goal by Arthur Xanthopoulos, in a mix-up with Peter Laumets, plus a brilliantly-placed free kick by Dez Marton, left Hellas trailing 0-2 at half time.

And St. George is so well organised defensively that Hellas was unable to come back.

All credit to the St. George defenders — particularly Rob O'Shea who fought like a tiger, and Mike O'Shea who kept out a Charlie Egan header by clearing off the goal line.

As for Hellas, it was pleasing to see Doug Brown fighting fiercely and trying to lift himself out of a recent form slump which caused him to be dropped to the State League team.

Xanthopoulos scored his own goal when he cut off a run by Peter Stone and sent a

back-pass towards goalkeeper Laumets.

Laumets dived to his right, but managed only to get his fingertips to the ball on its way into the net.

But with Alan Davidson starring in midfield, Hellas tried hard to make up for the mistake. Two barging runs by Davidson into the penalty area finished with shots by Egan and Davidson being deflected for corners.

Then Stone was fouled at the edge of the Hellas area, and Dez Marton placed the ball for the free kick. Laumets had no hope as Marton's brilliant shot whistled in just under the crossbar.

But the Hellas attack continued to work hard. Egan latched onto a free kick from Branko Buljevic and his header seemed destined to score until Mike O'Shea hooked it off the goal line, with Greedy beaten.

McKendry brought on Oscar Crino for Buljevic in the 70th minute, and shifted Ken Murphy to the left wing.

The last scoring chance of the game came shortly after-

Brown raced away on a through ball and passed to Murphy but Greedy reacted well, pounding at Murphy's feet. Brown regained the loose ball and shot towards the empty net but miraculously Greedy, who had just regained his feet, got a touch and deflected the shot over the top.

"A draw for us would have been a victory because we had to play three hard matches in eight days," Kaiser said.

"It wasn't so much the hard slog of the past week, but the lay-off that killed us," he said, referring to the two-week break due to international and representative fixtures.

"We lost our rhythm during that period and although we won the first match back, it was hard for us to keep that going."

"But I believe we'll get back into our stride now."

"That last 20 minutes convinced me we are playing better."

APIA went 2-0 up in the 63rd minute when another crisp attack ended with Morsello's cross being headed into the near, low corner by Bradley with Newcastle's defence

Stars skating on thin ice

Makedonia 4 Brish City 0

Scorers: Odzakov 53m, Ilioski 61m, Ollerton 67m, Lucchesi 88m.
Ground: Connor Reserve.
Attendance: 2500 (estimated).
Referee: C. Bambridge 8.
Cautions: Lucchesi, Williamson 6, Hamilton 7, Hughes 6, Falco 6, Glockner 6, Brownfield 1.

MAKEDONIA: Wilson 8; Opatinis 8, Jones 7, Ollerton 7, McMillan 8; Flavell 7, Ilioski 9, Odzakov 10; Lucchesi 7, Ward 7, Campbell 8.

BRISBANE CITY: Dunlop 7;

Kowan 6, Tokesi 6 (Bow 77m), Liddell 7, Wilkinson 8; Williamson 6, Hamilton 7, Hughes 6, Falco 6, Glockner 6, Brownfield 1.

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The one to eventually break the deadlock was Zarko Odzakov who played probably his best game of the season, running the show from a central midfield position with his cheeky ball control, his immaculate through balls and a fair share of wins in the tackle.

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Papasavas: We won't go back to States

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"The proposal has a lot of merit, because it would enable us to include more teams that want to be part of a national competition, and it also proposes administrative changes to the ASF, under which the States and the League would get joint control of top soccer."

"There is no way that we will agree to any change that involves NSL members clubs returning to their State Federations."

"We will put out 24-team plan to the ASF for consideration on July 30 and subject to what happens, we will have a meeting of our Council of Clubs on July 31 to consider future action, if any."

Papasavas did not agree that the NSL would regionalise its present 16-team competition if the 24-team proposal is rejected. Instead, the league probably would remain unchanged.

Reduced air fares have given the NSL new hope of overcoming its financial difficulties.

Papasavas said that East-West Airlines had approached the league, seeking its patronage on cut-price interstate flights.

RIZZOTTO AND VILLANI OFF

Marconi 3 Adel. City 2

Scorers: Sermanni, Licata, Brown (M), Mella, Mullen (A).
Ground: Marconi Stadium.
Crowd: 1746.
Referee: Gary Power 8.
Yellow cards: Rizzotto, Carbone (M), Dadds, Mella (A).

Red cards: Rizzotto, Villani. **VARCARO:** James 7, Bazan 6, Rizzotto 7, Calduran 7, Henderson 7, McCulloch 7, Carbone 6, Sermanni 8, Jankovic 7, Brown 5, Licata 7.

ADELAIDE CITY: McNally 7, Cole 6, Dods 7, Panfield 7, B. Nyakohus 7, Mella 8, Blair 6, Carter 7, Mullen 7, Villani 8, Rankin 6 (76' Maxwell).

After scoring two goals early in the first half through Tom Sermanni and Rod Brown, Marconi should have gone three up when Rene Licata found himself alone in front of the Adelaide keeper but muffed it and almost immediately the visitors struck at the other end through Sergio Mella.

Adelaide City could count itself unlucky not to have scored in the last minute of the match with Phil Cole only metres from the line and only James to beat. But as the Marconi defenders struggled to cover and James fell in despair, Cole shot straight at the keeper.

Adelaide City struck the woodwork twice and Marconi once, while Gary Power had his hands full dishing out some four yellow cards and sending off two players, Joe Rizzotto, the youth Socceror, was sent off midway



his challenge on Charlie Villani, but the Adelaide player got himself into trouble by staging a fist fight with Rizzotto which got him the marching orders as well.

After 15 minutes it was Mark Jankovics who got up to challenge McNally for the ball and it fell favorably for Sermanni to lob it into the empty net.

Only a minute later Attilio Carbone found Rod Brown who in turn found Licata and the youngster hammered his right footer past the keeper to make it 2-0.

Adelaide City came back through Sergio Mella. His shot from the edge of the box hit the roof of the net with 15 minutes remaining in this half.

The visitors were on equal terms with a fine goal by Joe Mullen but Marconi came back two minutes later through Brown.

For Marconi it was Tom Sermanni, who held the strings in midfield, while Jankovics and Licata proved a handful for the visitors.

Adelaide's best were Sergio Mella and Villani and it was a shame that Villani could not keep his cool after Rizzotto was sent off midway

Bertogna clinches it, Channon quiet

APIA 3 Adel. City 2

By STEPHEN DETTRE

APIA-Leichhardt: Woodhouse 7, Carter 6, Brown 6, Bertogna 9, Mariani 9, Butler 9, Bradley 8, Gray 7, Morsello 7, Schermann (De Ceglie 33m, 7), P. Tredinnick 8, Coach: F. Bottalico.

NEWCASTLE KB UNITED: Gosling 7, Boogard 6, M. Tredinnick 6, Mason 7, Burke 8, Watson 8, Sankatski 6 (Cowan 80m), Mountford 6, Lowe 6, Jones 6, Channon 6. Coach: K. Kaiser.

Referee: R. Lorenz 8.
Cautions: Newcastle: Mason, Burke, Jones, Boogard, APIL: Gray.

Goals: 1-0 Morsello (13m), 2-0 Bradley (63m), 2-1 Burke (70m), 2-2 Mason (88m), 3-2 Bertogna (89m).

Arno Bertogna showed little sentiment towards his

like header to give APIA a 3-2 win against Newcastle at Lambert Park.

With the ominous shadow of the burned-out stand looming over the ground, the brave 900 or so souls who rugged themselves up and challenged the conditions, were on the edge of their seats for the last 20 minutes.

APIA seemed to be cruising to a comfortable 2-0 win when Newcastle drew a goal back through rugged defender Peter Burke and then stunned the local crowd with an equaliser in the 88th minute.

But Bertogna had the last say, when he rose like a spring and powered John Bradley's cross past Clint Gosling for a worthy winner.

Newcastle coach Ken Kaiser could only ponder what

Dislocated finger for Best in first game

By
**MARGARET
McDONALD**

If the name George Best meant nothing to you there would have been one question on your mind after Sunday's match between Brisbane Lions and Sydney Olympic — who was that Lions player in the number seven jersey?

For the first 45 minutes of the game only two things made Best stand out from his Brisbane teammates — he was the only Lions player with a beard and the only one with the Malaysian Airlines symbol on his jersey.

Brisbane Lions are sponsored by the Royal Dutch Airline: KLM.

Apart from those two factors he was the only player on the field to receive applause every time he kicked the ball.

Tagged one of the world's greatest ever players, 37-year-old Best enjoyed a quiet first half, touching the ball only 16 times.

Comments from patrons in the Perry Park bar at half time were not flattering.

"I thought he was the world's best," one man said.

"He's not George Best, he's more like George 'just adequate'," his drinking partner said.

But in the second half the Northern Irish soccer legend assumed a different identity, moving from just George Best to George 'absolutely marvellous'.

Best admitted he saw



George Best in the colors of Brisbane Lions. Picture by CARLOS PICASSO

little of the ball in the first term because of his position at left wing and because of a mild case of nerves.

"I just wanted to pace myself and make sure I got through the 90 minutes as I only arrived a couple of days ago," he said.

"I knew I was fit but I'd never played with Lions before and I wasn't sure what to expect."

"I also knew I'd have every eye watching me and while I'm used to that after all these years it doesn't make it any easier for those first couple of minutes."

Best broke out into a sprint only four times during the first half, mainly keeping warm by jogging up and down the grandstand touchline.

But his second half revival brought cheers from the crowd.

Every time he touched the ball he beat the tackler and flicked a superbly-timed pass to one of his teammates, using an array of dazzling ball skills.

"Yes, I was pretty pleased with my effort altogether," Best said.

"I didn't want to go out there and dominate

play but merely help the boys get three good wins which is what they need."

Best was definitely the tonic needed when Lions had five corners midway through the second half.

The crosses Best floated towards the mouth of the goal brought gasps from the crowd and when he went to the mark for his sixth corner, one fan roared down from the hill and lunged over the fence with a can of beer.

Thirst was the last thing on Best's mind as Lions searched for the equaliser and Best merely waved the admirer away.

Best has signed a three week contract with Lions and his presence has focused attention on the game.

Television cameras, journalists, photographers and autograph hunters besieged Best wherever he went at Perry Park.

Best took one reminder from his first match in Brisbane away with him — a dislocated finger on his right hand.

"It happened in the first half but I pushed it back in place and it doesn't hurt so bad now," Best said.

Abonyi praises Footscray

Canberra 1
Foots JUST 0

Scorer: Bryant 65th.
CANBERRA: Hoszowski 8, Young 7, Walsh 8, T. Byrne 7, Murray 7, Cole 7 (Stone 70th), 7 Christopoulos 7, Bryant 9, Brennan 7, MacLaren 7, Redmond 7.

FOOTSCRAY JUST: Boland 8, McDowell 8, Hazabent 8, Kyriakoulas 7, Curovic 7 (Lujic 65th, 8), Karic 7, Belic 7, O'Donnell 7, Paton 7, Purdie 7, Carroll 7.

Ref: Bob Moo, 7.
Yellow Cards: Walsh, Paton.
Crowd: 1,450.

Despite the greater Canberra pressure for most of the game, Footscray was unlucky not to equalise.

The chance came in the 69th



Peter Windsor

minute — just four minutes after Canberra had taken the lead — and the player involved was substitute Zdravko Lujic.

He cut out Canberra defender Jim Murray to run onto a superb through ball. It left Lujic unmarked on the left flank some 18 metres from goal.

Quickly he cut in and as Canberra's goalkeeper Steve

Hoszowski raced out, Lujic hit the ball hard over Hoszowski's hands only to see it rap the crossbar.

Canberra's newly-appointed coach, Attili Abonyi said, "I was surprised at Footscray's ability. They have many new faces and I think they will surprise in the second half of the season."

But full marks to Footscray goalkeeper Dennis Boland and defenders Igor Hazabent, Gary McDowell and midfielder Vlatko Belic. Each had a superb game.

The winning goal came from a free-kick fully 30 metres from goal. It was taken by midfielder Steve Bryant and although hit hard and low it was to take a deflection before snaking past Boland's grasping fingers.

West opened sluggishly and was punished after nine minutes when O'Connor spurred down the right and crossed for Cotton to force the ball into the net.

Steve Atsalas levelled in the 27th minute after rugged Paul Wormley rose high in the box to nod the ball down.

Heys, Honeyman and Wormley applied themselves with determination but suffered from a lack of support from a midfield which with the exception of John Panagis on a few occasions had no authority.

With an ounce of luck and better finishing, Wollongong may have had its second win of the season rather than its eighth draw from 14 encounters.

The chief offender was Soccer Phil O'Connor who spoiled a fine game by ramming an easy shot in the box against the post 10 minutes from the end.

Nevertheless O'Connor and gifted front-runner Roy Cotton were thorns in a shaky West Adelaide defence that never really settled down to its task.

By FRANK PANGALLO

O'Connor lets West off hook

West Adel. 1
Wollongong 1

Scorers: Atsalas (WA) 27 min, Cotton (W) 9th.
Crowd: 950.
Referee: Donald Campbell (B).

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS: Crook 7, McGregor 7, Aimey 6, Hiern 6, Dunn 7, Brennan 6, Hays 7, Atsalas 7, Wormley 7, Honeyman 8, Panagis 7.

WOLLONGONG: Vardaroff 7 Willis 7, Pollard 7, Vilestara 7, Ainsworth 7, Fleming 8, Cotton 8, Gaffney 8, O'Connor 8, McCrean 7.

Cautions: Wormley (West Adelaide) Vilestara, Pollard (Wollongong).

LIONS SNARL OVER VINCENT HOLD-UP

Brisb. Lions 2
Syd. Olympic 1

Scorers: BL: Niven 42nd, Daunt 88th; SO: Katholos 31st.

Venue: — Perry Park.
Cautions: — R. Stewart (BL) Jennings (SO).
Referee: Dave Nugent 8.

Crowd: About 3000.
LIONS: Lownds 7, McClurg 7, R. Stewart 6, Hunter 7, Niven 8, Hogg 7, J. Stewart 9, Ogden 7, McDonagh 6 Daunt 63rd, Wright 9, Best 7.

OLYMPIC: Molier 7, Coady 7, Dakos 7, Herbert 7, Jennings 7, Patikas 6 (Soper 63rd), Raskopoulos 8, Rogers 6, Katholos 7, Phillips 7, Paterson 6.

Brisbane Lions will decide today (Wednesday) whether to go ahead with the signing of Heidelberg-Alexander midfielder Robbie Vincent.

Vincent was to play for Lions in their match against Sydney Olympic at Perry Park on Sunday — the debut match for guest import George Best — but was not cleared by the National League management committee on Saturday.

Lions had negotiated with Heidelberg to get Vincent, a former Sunderland and Orient player, on loan for two matches before deciding whether to make a signing. Lions coach Simon Kistemaker



Ricky Rosso

her believes Vincent is the ideal player to slot into his midfield to replace young Soccer Russell Stewart, who has been moved back to sweeper.

But the Lions board is concerned that Vincent has not been playing first team football at Heidelberg recently and wanted to see him play first before paying his \$6000 transfer.

Lions had arranged for Vincent to play against Olympic and against St George this Friday night before making a decision.

But the NSL management committee voted 3-2 to overrule the deal as it felt the loan was too short.

"It is bloody ridiculous. The two clubs agree. We fly the player to Brisbane to train and I pick my team, then the night before the match the NSL will not clear him. It is stupid," Kistemaker said.

Lions made a plea to Heidelberg to pay a certain amount

now and the rest at the end of this season if it released Vincent on loan until then, but Heidelberg replied with a flat "No".

Vincent will now play in a trial match with Lions tonight (Wednesday) after which the club will make a decision.

Vincent was particularly upset about missing his opportunity to play alongside George Best and the way the Lions team performed against Olympic is hard to find a place for him in Best's second match against St George, if the deal goes ahead.

While Best gave only glimpses of his skill and player-beating finesse of the past, his sheer presence was enough to inspire the other Lions players to heights they had seldom reached in the past six weeks.

Danny Wright was outstanding in the second half, making countless runs across the front line and assaults on the Olympic goal. John Stewart too was impressive and seems to be improving with each game. He was thrown into the midfield to cover for Vincent, after covering for his young Soccer brother over the previous month, and once again emerged with flying colours.

Stewart never appears to be doing a great deal but he gets his work done effectively and efficiently.

Lions used Best wide on the left wing and the Irishman was starved of the ball for much of the first half. It was eight minutes before he got a good go on the ball and then he was boxed in by four Olympic players. He subsequently held all four off and played a ball back to keeper Nigel Lownds.

Best showed other flashes of brilliance, the occasional dart inside, the rounding of one or two players and even several crisp crossfield balls. But he excelled with a piece of wizardry midway through the second half.

Best, who had been tightly marked by Mike Coady, was near the halfway line with the Olympic fullback on his tail.

He took a high ball on his chest, let it drop and as Coady stuck his leg in for a tackle, Best backheeled the ball through, turned, and was away down the line with Coady standing flatfooted.

The trickery brought to life the disappointing 3000 crowd and heralded an inspired burst of play from Lions that eventually resulted in their winner.

Lions had trailed from the 31st minute when Peter Katholos had delightfully turned Russell Stewart, who was far from convincing at sweeper, and knocked in a shot off the upright.

Lions had equalised three minutes before halftime when Best won a freekick outside the penalty box. While the Olympic defence watched Best set himself for a shot, Alan Niven darted in to knock a quick ball to the far side of the goal.

His shot rebounded off Coady but the former Socceroo was quick to get his second attempt on target and into the net.

Olympic, after being slightly top in the first half, fell away dramatically in the second session and Lions, with best talking and guiding the youngsters, became more confident as each minute passed.

Finally the winner came off a Wright corner. Big Alan Hunter headed back at the far post and Calvin Daunt smacked in a shot from close range.

Joe Jordan

Ambitious Crystal Palace has set sights on Joe Jordan who has just completed a two-year contract with AC Milan but who still has another year's option. Palace has already signed Jordan's Scottish international colleague, keeper George Wood from Arsenal. But Jordan's reported weekly wage of \$4,480 with the Italian side is likely to end any designs the London club have on him.

Marconi best team: Collins

Newcastle 0
Marconi 2

Scorers: Brown (M) 17th, Jankovics (M) 24th.

Ground: Spears Point Park.
Crowd: 2417.
Referee: Jim Reeves 7.

NEWCASTLE KB UNITED: Gosling 6, Boogaard 6, Burke 7, Watson 5, Tredinnick 6, Cowburn 6, Mason 6, Jones 6, Channon 6, Lowe 7, Brandt 5 (Senkalski 67th).

MARCONI-FAIRFIELD: Jones 7, Bozanic 6, Calotren 6, Henderson 7, Rizzotto 7, Sermanni 7, McCulloch 8, Carbone 6, Jankovics 8, Brown 8, Licata 7.

After weathering Newcastle's customary opening blitz, Marconi hit back with a goal by Rod Brown when he found a big gap in the centre of the Newcastle defence and had no difficulty beating Gosling.

Seven minutes later, Joe Rizzotto, after having overlapped on the left, managed to get his foot to a badly directed pass-back from Watson to Gosling and the ever-alert Mark Jankovics tapped the ball into the empty net for a two-goal lead.

Newcastle did manage to create opportunities in the second half. Mike Channon got his head to a David Jones cross but the ball hit the crossbar.

Marconi's determined defence and their willingness to break quickly from a defensive situation was causing Newcastle untold problems and the quickly interchanging strikers were stretching the Newcastle defence like never before this season.

Captain Craig Mason desperately tried to lead by example in midfield but that's where Marconi won the main battle. Sermanni McCulloch and Carbone were well on top of their counterparts, Mason excluded.

At this point one should question coach Ken Kaiser's amazing decision to play with three midfielders after playing all the season with four.

The other puzzling move was the parking of Joe Senkalski out on the wing after the decision had been taken to replace Simon Brandt.

Senkalski's creative ability would have been put to better use in the midfield as he had shovelled only a few days earlier against Footscray.

An elated Doug Collins said: "We are the best team in the league. Now that we are running into top form, we will give the leaders a true test."



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A SOCCER ACTION SPECIAL FEATURE



By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Cole is back!

Gary Cole turned out for Heidelberg's Second Division team last Saturday, one of the final chapters in a tale of amazing resilience and recovery by the all time top scorer in the national competition.

Cole played for Heidelberg in this year's Victorian Ampol Cup but couldn't overcome an ankle injury and required surgery. He has been sidelined

ever since and early fears centred on the likelihood of him missing the entire season. Cole though, had other ideas.

"Gary's attitude and dedication is an example for any kid in the game to follow. His recovery from serious injury has been nothing short of amazing," said Heidelberg coach Ken Morton.

"Gary's been striking the ball superbly in training and no-one could have worked harder to get back in the game. On Tuesday last week, we had a tough physical session but at the end of it there was Gary doing a series of stomach exercises and pushing himself really hard. I admire him immensely for doing what he has done in recent weeks."

Cole's return will be another feather in the cap of a player with a remarkable career in Australian soccer. He has scored 21 goals in 33 games for the Socceroos and since the inception of the national competition in 1977, Cole has been on target 81 times.

The big, blond headed striker stands tall among Australian club and national team personalities. His return adds much needed glamour to our soccer scene, and the method in which he has fought back from injury is a fitting testament to his professional attitude and love of the game.



Gary Cole

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The 1983 Heidelberg United Alexander team. Back row: Theo Solemidis, Charlie Yankos, Jeff Oliver, Jim Tansey, Mike Petersen, Scott Patterson. Front row: Joe Angele, Derek Lea, Ian McKie, Jim Campbell, John Spanos, Juan Toro. Picture CARLOS PICASSO.

Sam hits out: McKendry drove fans away

"There are no stars in our team, just a bunch of blokes who go out there and give it all they've got. We had problems in the past with player power but that's just a bad memory. Now our players give it their best shot for Heidelberg and for each other and that's the way I like it."

So says Heidelberg Alexander president Sam Gouloupoulos. And almost without catching breath, he fires a salvo at Hellas supporters who claim that Heidelberg isn't really a Greek sponsored club.

"What rubbish! I've listened to this bullstuff for years. Look, Heidelberg is a Greek club. We mainly consist of Greeks from Macedonia. The Hellas fans who think that they are the only Greeks should consider what they should call the Cypriots who support Hellas."

"Everyone is welcome at our club. Every kind of Greek and every kind of other race too."

Gouloupoulos was an Aussie Rules fan as a youngster. His older brother took him to

Middle Park in the 1960's to watch a derby clash between Hellas and Alexander and Gouloupoulos has been an Alexander fan ever since.

"I saw this team in yellow and black and this other mob in blue and white. Everyone seemed to be shouting for the team in blue and white, which was Hellas, as if this team was made up of 11 Gods who just couldn't be beaten. I resented that. I decided to support the underdogs and that was how I became a Heidelberg fan."

The major change in the Gouloupoulos-led Heidelberg has been the club's switch of headquarters from Olympic Park, Richmond, to Olympic Village in Heidelberg. The move was made possible principally through a \$200,000 ground development grant from Heidelberg Council, and took place last year.

"The last year we spent at Olympic Park (1981) cost us \$48,000. We had no control over advertising, no control over canteen facilities, we couldn't even train on the ground. There

was no atmosphere there. You just came, played and went and we were always being told what we could and couldn't do with regard to dressing rooms. No, we couldn't afford to stay there. We had to move," said Gouloupoulos.

"Years ago Jim Mangopoulos started discussions with Heidelberg council and we were happy to move to Olympic Village when the chance came. We've got a social room which will be extended for our many members and we're well on the way to establishing ourselves there."

While Gouloupoulos talks enthusiastically about the development of Olympic Village, he is angry at the treatment his club has received from the NSL fixtures committee.

"This season's fixtures have steamrolled us financially. We have been given a real deal, make no mistake about that. I looked at a temporary draw for this season way back in December and we were down to play Sydney Olympic at home in the first league game. Then the fixtures were changed and as usual Heidelberg became a victim of dubious circumstances. We now find that our biggest money spinner — a home game against Hellas — is to be played in winter. That's no good to us."

"Experienced NSL administrators know that big home games early in the season draw the biggest crowds. Last year Hellas had the first derby between our clubs and it was our turn to have the first one this year but it didn't work out that way. Which doesn't surprise me. It's not what you know, it's who you know. I can't elaborate other than to say that it looks like as if a few people at Hellas have pulled certain strings."

"I would love Jim Mangopoulos to again represent us on the NSL executive. At present, the only way we get recognised is by making a bit of noise in the press and standing up for our rights. That's not good enough. Our gates are down and our social activities are down. We've had a bit of adverse publicity this year which hasn't helped but we're back on the right track and things will pick up for sure."

Sam Gouloupoulos, at 36 the youngest club president in the NSL, has earned the reputation of being a straight shooter. At times his forthright opinions have landed him in the centre of controversy, however the Heidelberg Alexander boss continues to shoot from the hip.

Gouloupoulos is the managing director of Andorra, the second largest manufacturer of ladies and children's underwear in Australia. He has been in the rag trade for 14 years. His wife, Margaret, is his business partner. They have two sons, aged 14 and seven.

Gouloupoulos first became involved in backing Heidelberg financially in 1978 at the request of his good friend Jim Mangopoulos, then club president. Gouloupoulos became a club director in 1980. He was a vice-president, with Angie Mangos senior vice-president. Later that year Gouloupoulos was appointed treasurer. He continued as vice-president and treasurer in 1981 under new president Arthur Loustas and in 1982 succeeded to his present presidential position. He still is club treasurer.



Sam Gouloupoulos

"Entertainment comes first. The public wants value for money. Any club in the NSL not short of a dollar is living in a fool's paradise. We're all in the same boat. We depend on our gates greatly. That's why we must please the spectator."

"I got on very well with our coach Len McKendry last year. He's a damn good coach. Make no mistake about that, but some of the tactics he adopted drove some fans away. His style of play didn't suit our spectators and if you don't please your fans you haven't got a club. All you've got is a giant financial headache and in the end it all collapses around you. To play possession football solely for results is a financial disaster."

"Our coach this year, Ken Morton, has adopted a more direct style of play. He's a real down-to-earth kind of bloke who works his guts out for us and he is implementing the youth policy which the board of directors see as crucial to our future."

"I'm very happy with the way Ken is going. There's room for improvement though. I'd like to see him concentrate more on public relations, but that's a minor quibble. He's thinking about the paying customer and that's important."

"I predict a huge crowd for Sunday's game

against Hellas. Now that our former coach coaching Hellas it will add a bit of spice to the contest in the eyes of the supporters they'll come along in their droves to watch what should be a great clash."

Gouloupoulos was fairly tight lipped at the ASF executive meeting on July 30 when he decided the fate of the NSL's proposal for regionalisation. However he was prepared to have a small wager on the league maintain its present format in 1984.

"I don't want to say too much about this cause in the past, certain people have left the NSL boardroom in Sydney and within 24 hours have blabbed to the press. We can't coo our affair like that. All I'll say is that if it gets too difficult for us and other changes will have to be made but I feel the present league format may be maintained."

"Money is the big problem in all sports. Give a club a \$100 and it will spend it. Give \$1,000 and it will spend it. We're all about the money. The problem here is that too much money is heading in the wrong direction into players' pockets. A lot more of our money should be used to improve the standard coaching nationwide and club facilities."

"We've got to cater more for the paying customer."

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Morton's men to beat Hellas

Heidelberg coach Ken Morton relishes the thought of tackling arch enemy South Melbourne Hellas at Olympic Village on Sunday.

"These derby games are really big occasions. They're played at a quicker pace and the tackling is a bit more furious. We want to win this one and win it in style," said Morton.

"We're still in the process of changing our pattern of play. It's a young man's game but you still need experienced players to bind everything together. When I joined I found that the club needed a clear-out and we had to stop the elements of player-power which had crept into its recent history."

"The crowd had dropped alarmingly by the end of the 1982 season and the players were playing negative football."

"I didn't believe that John Yzendoorn and Jamie Paton were giving us 100 percent so they had to go. We were lucky to get players like John Spanos and Ian McKie and Derek Lea has worked like a Trojan to get into shape."

"Charlie Yankos, Jim Tansey, Jim Campbell and others were only used to playing short balls. Initially I forced them into playing long balls until we became too predictable, just like the short ball game had become. Now we've adopted another style."

Morton has sold Yzendoorn to South Melbourne Hellas, Paton and Ken Taylor to Footscray J.U.S.T. and Arthur McMillan to North Dandenong. He has signed McKie, Spanos, Scott Patterson, Mike Peterson and Bob Vincent, however, as we went to press, Vincent, ex-Sunderland, was trailing with Brisbane Lions.

Let's look at the 16 members of Morton's squad, through his eyes, starting with goalkeepers Jeff Olver and Spiro Karamitidis.

JEFF OLVER: "Works incredibly hard at his game. I just wish he was as positive with crosses during a game as he is at training. He can go all the way in Australian soccer and generally his form this year has been first class. In terms of stopping shots, he is second to none in Australia. I think that he'll go on to become the national team goalkeeper. He knows that he has to develop his organising of his defence and I've got no doubts that he'll get there."

SPIRO KARAMITIS: "Good build with a safe pair of hands. He lacks experience but he knows that if Jeff gets injured he must grab his chance. Actually, both keepers are young and both have big futures in the game. I'm in a good situation with regard to such a specialist position."

IAN MCKIE: "Very pleased with the way Ian has fitted in. He gets down the line well and supports the front men. I had seen him play before, of course, and was impressed. At the start of the season I had Arthur McMillan with me and I think that as players get that bit older, you need someone to replace them because it takes the older player longer to get over injury. Ian's a nuggety, sharp sort of player, much in Arthur's mould and he's maintained the balance we had at the back. He got tremendous recovery, that's why we never told him to hang back."

JIM TANSEY: "Initially, I felt Jimmy was playing too many short balls and had stopped getting forward the way he used to. Since his comeback from a broken arm, his main problem is getting his confidence back. It's great to see him back in the side. Against Brisbane City the other week, he really balanced the side and was very selective in his runs forward. His experience is vital to the younger players in the team."

DON MACLEOD: "Another player who works extremely hard at his game. Now and again we miss through suspension. That's not because he's a dirty player, because he's not. It's because he is mean and ruthless in the tackle, commendable qualities. He doesn't believe in his ability to go forward and distribute the ball the way I would like him to. He's a far better footballer than he thinks he is. When we do skill work at training he's up there with the best of them."

CHARLIE YANKOS: "Strong, solid, quick. Still learning but he's really come a long way in the past year. I told him after he played against England, that he could go on and become the best sweeper in Australia. I'd like to see him develop his attacking game. He has to learn when and how to come forward and

join in attacks. That will come as his football knowledge increases. He's immensely dedicated."

JOE ANGELO: "When I first came he was so dedicated. I wondered why he wasn't in the side regularly. He's quick and strong and he's competing with Don for the centre back spot. When he gets in the side he does well, although he lacks a bit of experience. After all, he's only 20. His distribution on his right side is good but he has to improve his distribution on his left side. We're working on that."

THEO SELEMDIS: "Very skilful and a strong runner. He has an explosive shot and is very good in the air. He has tended to play in bits and pieces and he must put it all together. He's getting there though. Recent performances have shown me that. His general team play has improved a lot. He doesn't carry the ball as much as he used to in certain areas, which is good. He has the vision and disposal to play the early ball and he's linking up well with Ian McKie down our right side."

JIM CAMPBELL: "Not involved the way I'd like him to be. I'm partly to blame, because I've used him in various roles. He filled in up front for us in the Ampol Cup and received a bad knock in the final against Green Gully. In the past few weeks, he's started to get back to his best. As the team continues to improve I'll be able to use him in a more settled role."

JUAN TORO: "Hard to talk about about him. He talks for himself out on the park. Skillwise, there's no-one to touch him in the NSL. No-one can do what he can do — play those defence splitting, pin-point passes right to a team mate's feet. It's been a bit difficult to fit Toro and Jim (Campbell) into the same midfield but things have improved recently. His communication with other players is a lot better now. And against Brisbane City the other players saw a marked improvement in his defensive contribution. He's earned his place in the side and he knows that if he maintains his form he gets a game. He's a much better team man now."

JOHN SPANOS: "Tremendous work rate. Invaluable on and off the field. A player who can be played in many positions and a person who is a genuine nice bloke. I feel that John's best position is in midfield. I see him as a fine, busy midfielder. He gives us a very good cover and balance. I'd like to see him improve the direction of his shooting but he's an excellent competitor."

MICK VALENTINE: "Been a bit hot and cold this year. That's because he's been under a lot of pressure with his studies but I think that a lot of that pressure is now off him and his best this season is in front of him. He's been used as a winger where his ability to run at players is a big bonus for us."

MIKE PETERSON: "What a talented player this lad is. He's got two good feet, his close control is first rate and he's a good passer of the ball. I've had to use him up front which is not his best position but he's worked very hard for us. I'd like to see him getting onto the end of more things in the area but I can't be critical of young Michael because he's essentially a midfielder."

DEREK LEA: "It's unbelievable how hard this lad has worked. When I first came to Heidelberg, Derek was overweight but he has done wonders to get himself into shape. He's got a great turn and is really quick off the mark. He looks like a very useful player for us."

SCOTT PATTERSON: "He was thrown in at the deep end. He came to us as central striker but that's not his best position. He looks best suited to a left sided attacking role. He's certainly got the ability to make it, there's no doubt about that. It's all in Scott's own hands. If his attitude is right, he'll get there, and in a big way. That's up to him."

GARY COLE: "Doctors told Gary to give his injured ankle a go and we used him in the Ampol Cup but unfortunately the ankle didn't stand up to it and he had to have an operation. I want to see him come back like Gary Cole of old. The Gary Cole who was tremendously exciting to watch running onto balls, bursting clear of the defence and scoring a barrowload of goals. He loves to have the ball to run onto. I have seen him do it consistently for some time but I've got every confidence in his ability to get back into top shape."



Ken Morton
Ken Morton, "37 going on 40", is in his first season as coach of Heidelberg.

Born in Bishop Auckland, in the English county of Durham, Morton played with England schoolboys before joining Manchester United in 1962, only playing in the first team in practice games and on tour. Stints with York City, Blackpool and Darlington followed before Morton and current West Adelaide Hellas coach, Alan Vost, went to New Zealand to play with New Brighton in 1974. Morton was there for a season before going to Perth Azurri and representing Western Australia in the Mara Hall Cup. It was in the west that Morton gained his senior ASF coaching badge, while coaching that state's under-16's.

He returned to England for four years as manager-coach of an amateur club and also became involved with the North Eastern Coaching Association. This involvement led Morton to joining the coaching staff at Middlesbrough, then managed by Jack Charlton. Morton and Charlton also featured in six, one hour football shows produced for Tyne-Tees TV.

As Middlesbrough, Morton worked with the youths and schoolboy trials, the most notable being Craig Johnston and David Hodgson, now at Liverpool, and Mark Proctor, now with Nottingham Forest.

Morton returned to Australia to become player-coach of Rapid West Point in Tasmania for two seasons. During his stay the club won the league championship twice, Ampol Cup twice, and the Cadbury Cup. During Morton's second season, Rapid went through the league undefeated.

Morton coached Wollongong in 1981, its first season in the national competition. He left the club last year after financial problems made it impossible for him to continue on a full time basis. He was appointed coach of Heidelberg late last year, shortly after the departure of Len McKendry.



Heidelberg celebrates its 4-0 triumph in the 1980 Grand Final against Sydney City. Back row: Len McKendry (coach), Arthur McMillan, Ken Taylor, Pat Bannon, Theo Selemidis, Jeff Olver, Jim Williams, Bob Proven, Chris Enion (massour). Front: Andy Bozidakis, Jim Campbell, John Yzendoorn, Jamie Paton, Gary Cole, Jim Rooney, Angelo Meletis, Jim Tansey.

TOP MEN AT HELM

Heidelberg is administered by a seven-man board of directors headed by president and treasurer Sam Gouloupoulos.

Paul Shomos, a supervisor with the AMP organisation, is club secretary. Vice-president is Nick Karamzalis, a butcher.

Other directors are: Steve Koulousianis, company director of Newhome Caravans, who is president of Heidelberg's Metro Second Division side; Nick Katsakis, company director of Melissa Cakes, president of Heidelberg's juniors; Nick Kalamandis, company director of Archer Furniture, social secretary in lieu of Peter Boubis who is overseas; and Steve Kyrou, property steward, a self employed painter.

The board has undergone a few changes already this year, but Gouloupoulos sees his ability to get three presidents on the board — himself, Koulousianis and Katsakis — as a major achievement, one which he is confident will lead to better communication within the club, hence better administration.

Highlights — lowlights

- 1959 — Won Provisional League
- 1960 — Won Third Division
- 1961 — Won Second Division
- 1963 — Won First Division, promoted to State League
- 1964 — Relegated from State League

- 1965 — Won First Division, promoted again
- 1968 — Relegated from State League
- 1969 — Won First Division, promoted again
- 1975 — Won State League championship
- 1977 — Became a founder member of PSL
- 1980 — Won Grand Final of PSL top four.

Two prominent former players, top: John Margaritis, later coach of Heidelberg and Hellas and, above: Jim Mangopoulos, later club president.



Don Macleod holds off a challenge from Charlie Egan of Hellas.

Reserve goalkeeper Spiro Karamitidis, bought from Northcote.

Left flanker Mike Valentine, signed from Box Hill.

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CROATIA'S CHAMPIONSHIP?

The 1983 State League championship could be decided on the hallowed turf of Australia's premier soccer stadium — Olympic Park No. 1 — when league leader Melbourne Croatia meets Green Gully Ajax on Sunday.

I expect the John Gardiner-inspired Croatia to win and kick at least three points clear at the top as Juventus may have to settle for a point from its trip to Croynod Park on the same day.

Ajax caretaker coach, David Smallman, may slip back into a four man midfield for this vital clash. The former Welsh international played up front as Ajax reverted to a 4-3-3 formation last weekend against Polonia however, Ajax's greatest triumphs at Olympic Park in recent times have been with Smallman, Willie Vassallo, Peter Boyle and Jim Williams in midfield.

Both camps should be at full strength. The game promises to be a highly skilled, exciting encounter and almost certainly will draw the biggest crowd of the year in State League.

Croynod may find its top four chances diminishing further when it takes on John Margaritis' well drilled Juventus. The black and whites have the physical qualities to match the home team in what promises to be a no-holds barred meeting on the confines of Croynod Park.

Fawknor takes on Morwell Falcons at Smith Reserve on Sunday and will struggle to



Victorian State League with CRAIG MACKENZIE

pick up the points. Falcons' seem to have sorted out the teething problems they experienced earlier in the year as they tried to blend the Noel Mitten, Alan Evans, Bobby McGuinness trio into an efficient striking combination. There's no doubting the talent of this attack and now that all three players have hit form, Fawknor's defence, heavily dependant on Jim Kondorides and Ian Tuftield, faces a mighty responsibility here.

Sunshine-George Cross is set for an outstanding run in the second half of the season and should account for Albion Rovers at Chaplin Reserve on Sunday. The combine has added ball winning ability to its midfield by signing Alan Kerr from North Perth Croatia and with Jim O'Reilly in charge at the back, Albion may struggle to create enough chances to cause an upset.

Polonia will find the rapidly improving Ringwood Wilhelmina a handful at Raleigh Reserve on Sunday. No longer

can opponents expect Wilhelmina to be a pushover and I'll stick out my neck and tip a minor upset here by going for a draw.

Doveton and Northcote also may have to settle for a share of the spoils at Waratah Reserve on Sunday.

SATURDAY
S.M. Hellas v BOX HILL at Middle Park, 3 pm.

SUNDAY
CROATIA v G.G. Ajax at Olympic Park No. 1, 3pm.
Polonia v Wilhelmina (draw) at Raleigh Reserve, 3 pm.
Doveton v Northcote (draw) at Waratah Reserve, 3 pm.
Fawknor v MORWELL FALCONS at Smith Reserve, 3pm.

SUNSHINE-GEORGE
CROSS v Albion Rovers at Chaplin Reserve, 3 pm.
Croynod v Juventus (draw) at Croynod Park, 3 pm.

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
CROATIA	11	2	1	39	5	24
G.G. AJAX	9	4	1	30	7	22
JUVENTUS	10	2	2	27	8	22
POLONIA	7	4	3	25	14	18
Croynod	8	4	4	23	16	16
Box Hill	7	2	5	21	18	16
Northcote	7	2	5	18	27	16
Morwell F.	6	2	6	20	26	14
Fawknor	5	3	6	22	25	13
Sun.G. Cross	5	2	7	23	26	12
Doveton	3	2	9	15	28	8
Wilhelmina	3	1	10	11	28	7
Albion R.	1	4	9	6	22	6
S.M. Hellas	0	2	12	13	43	2

Top four battle

MORWELL FALCONS 1 (Evans 14th) CROYNOD 1 (Wade 81st) at North Crinigan Reserve, Saturday.

MORWELL FALCONS: Whitehead 7 - Bingham 8, Irvine 6, Higham 7, Train 8 - Young 7, MacLennan 6, O'Callaghan 5 - Mitten 6, Evans 8, McGuinness 7, Coach: Tony Boggi.

CROYNOD: Edwards 7 - Rainey 9, McComb 7, Wade 8, Hobson 8 - Brown 7, Rooney 6 (P. Loughnane 75th), Dobson 8 - Irvine 8, Sweeney 8, G. Macleod 6, L. Loughnane 75th. Coach: Bill Marshall.

This game was vital to the top four hopes of either outfit and after the match, rival coaches Tony Boggi (Morwell) and Bill McArthur

(thru Croynod) expressed confidence in their team's chances of taking part in the end-of-season State League Cup.

"The Morwell players are working hard for each other at last. We're a much better team unit now and the players want to get into the top four. I'm sure that teams above us will crack in the run home and we will grab fourth spot," said Boggi.

"I honestly believe that Croynod will get there. We're making it hard for ourselves but we'll still do it. This weekend's game against Juventus is vital but we haven't played at home for four weeks and we're really looking forward to this one," said McArthur.

Morwell had the better of the first half against Croynod on Saturday but had to withstand enormous pressure from the visitors to the Latrobe Valley in the second period, and in the end, Croynod could have snatched both points.

Morwell's goal came in the 14th minute. Eric Young played the ball to Noel Mitten on the right. The ex-Croacia striker sent in a fine cross which was superbly tucked away by Alan Evans who volleyed on the turn from eight metres.

Croynod forced a succession of corners in the second half and a goal just had to come. Joe Sweeney headed against the post and a speculative Paul Wade struck the top of the crossbar and bounced over. Croynod finally was rewarded for its pressure with nine minutes left. Peter Loughnane, who had come on as a substitute along with brother Ian, touched the ball off a sub who smacked it into the top corner from 20 metres out. Sweeney got through within a few minutes left but Bill Whitehead was quickly off his line to dive down and save at the feet of the Croynod striker.

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Croatia v Albion: 3 Cumming (C), 2 Ferrie (A), 1 Faulkner (C).

Ajax v Polonia: 3 Smolarek (P), 2 Hogen (A), 1 P. Czajka (P).

Morwell v Croynod: 3 Rainey (C), 2 O'Callaghan (M), 1 Dobson (C).

Polonia v Doveton: 3 Gibson (W), 2 Cork (W), 1 Brooks (W).

Northcote v Hellas: 3 Moore (N), 2 Wilson (N), 1 Vardaxis (H).

Box Hill v Fawknor: 3 Miranda (BH), 2 Verachia (BH), 1 Rodhouse (BH).

Juventus v S.G. Cross: 3 Nelson (J), 2 O'Reilly (SGC), 1 Rogers (J).

Progressive votes: 10 - Moore (Northcote), 15 - Cummings (Croatia), 12 - MacLean (Morwell), 12 - Kallitidis (Hellas), 8 - Smallman (Ajax).

Leading scorers: 12 - Paul Lewis (Ajax), 11 - Cumming (Croatia), 9 - Latif (Croatia), Przybyla (Polonia), Cozzella (Fawknor), 8 - Smallman (Ajax), McGuinness (Morwell), Pate (S.G. Cross).

Croatia's Cumming kills 'em!

MELBOURNE CROATIA 4 (Brogan penalty 21st, 68th, Cumming 34th, 39th) ALBION ROVERS 0 at Olympic Park, Sunday.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Blasby 7 - Curcio 7 (in Blower 70th), Adams 7, Parton 7, Haneah 6, Blake 7, Antolovic 6 (Last 68th), Faulkner 6, Gojevic 8 - Cumming 9, Brogan 8. Coach: John Gardiner.

ALBION ROVERS: Costello 8 - McIvor 7, K. Coyle 6, F. Macleod 8, Stuart 6 - Ferrie 8, Reilly 7, Bennett 7, Gray 4 (D'Sylva 58th) - Smart 7, Dickson 4 (McIntyre 70th). Coach: Hugh Murray.

Les Scheinflug take note! Tommy Cumming is back with a bang, fit and razor sharp, not just a plus for Australia but also for Melbourne Croatia, which now has emerged as the team to beat for the State League championship.

Albion though, can count itself unlucky not to have held Croatia at bay for longer than 20 minutes. Cumming mistook an attempted shot by hit Keiron Coyle's arm and the referee awarded a penalty. Dave Brogan converted easily, striking the ball into the top left hand corner. It was just the tonic Croatia needed to break down the resolute Albion defence and from that moment on a couple of Albion players simply tossed in the towel.

Croatia increased its lead in the 34th minute. Josip Biskic's corner sent the ball to Jozo Antolovic who headed down into the centre of goal and Cumming scored a superb goal by pivoting and volleying the ball into the roof of the net.

Five minutes later it was 3-0. Jeff Faulkner passed to Steve Gojevic who was tackled and the ball fell to Cumming. The little dynamo knocked the ball past a defender, drew out goalie Tom Costello and cheekily rolled the ball into the bottom right hand corner.

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— MICK O'BRIEN



Tommy Cumming in action for Australia

Albion had two good chances to hit back in the second half. The first in the 58th minute when a free kick on the right found the ball knocked in and Ron McIvor headed down to unmarked Peter Dickson who casually blew his scoring bonus of \$25 a goal by tapping his shot wide from three metres.

Mick D'Sylva whose appearance lived up to the Albion attack, was put through by a superb Bennie Ferrie pass in the 33rd minute but, as Peter Blasby came out, D'Sylva struck the ball wide of the far post.

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We need the following information:

1. Name of the boy, and his age.
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4. The date of the game.

"Hat-trick heroes" will have their names published in "Soccer Action" every week.

Applications should be sent to:

This week's hat-trick heroes:

Paul Castelli, six goals (Meadow Park); Jason Baker (Salisbury United); Michael Comer, 14, Pater Harris, 11, four goals, Nicholas Besselling, 11, four goals, John Oulton, 14, (Dubbo RSL); Bradley McWhir (Belgrave South); Geoff Gillard, 11, four goals, Christian Sales, 11, five goals, Peter Gourdoours, 11 (Seaford United); Alem Pasalay, Dennis Minski, Dragan Surbevski, four goals, Rony Tavevski (Footscray JUST); Sasa Naimovski, 12, (Footscray West Primary); Ian Summerfield, Lee Hesterman, Craig Santozzi, Anthony Bellanca, Anthony Smith, Troy Sykes, Anthony Simons (Sey), Leigh Shearn, 11, Jason Barker, 11 (Karingal United); Jason Coffin, six goals, San Fananakis, four goals, Adriano Badaracchi, 10, Ian de Santos, 10, Robert Urpis, 11, Frank Angelino, 11 (Clayton); James Giddens, 13, four goals, David Bertovic, 7, (Nunawading United); Jamie Keyser, 8, four goals, Eamon Curran, 8 (Doveton); Patrick Kuipers, 11, five goals, Craig Atlee, 11 (Traralgon East Olympians).

Juve, 'Cross thrill small crowd

JUVENTUS 2 (Zinni 18th, Incantalupo 85th) GEORGE CROSS 2 (McGorian 44th, Pate 73rd) at Olympic Park No. 1, Saturday.

JUVENTUS: Clayton 6, V. Bannan 7, P. Bannan 6, Hird 6, Drinovsky 6, Rogers 8, Nelson 8, Lloyd 7, French 7, G. Bannan 8 (Incantalupo 85th), Zinni 7. COACH: John Margaritis.

GEORGE CROSS: Cantini 6, McKinley 5, Taylor 6, O'Reilly 6, Scerri 6, Bennett 6 (Kerr 85th), Stevenson 7, McGorian 7, Gilder 6, Pate 7, Bala 7. Coach: Tom Traynor.

What a pity a mere 500 or so spectators were at Olympic Park on Saturday to see this enthralling encounter between two teams both intent on attack.

Two lively forward lines, plus two wobbly defences, hardly a pass-back, plenty of goalmouth incidents, topped off with four goals, what more could you want on a cold Saturday afternoon?

Sunny G.X. was well served by Mick McGorian and Roger Bain, superbly prompted by Norrie Pate, whilst Juve made equally good use of Kevin Lloyd and Andrew Zinni, supported by Jim Nelson.

The result was a superbly well-balanced game, that both sides deserved to win, and it all led to a superb finish. The combine started off with a rush, and looked like



Carl Gilder

swamping Juve, with McGorian particularly menacing. But in virtually its first serious attack, Juventus took the lead in the 18th minute, when Zinni slammed the ball home from close range, after Graham French had done well to bet his marker and cross.

The combine hit back at the psychological moment, though, one minute before the break with a good header from McGorian.

Fabio Incantalupo, a surprise omission from the starting line-up, apparently because John Margaritis

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DOVES LACK FIGHT

RINGWOOD WILHELMINA
2 (Gadsby e.g. 18th Nyholt
38th) DOVETON 0 at Jubilee
Park, Sunday.

RINGWOOD WILHELMINA:
Janssen 7, Brooks 6, Gibson 8,
Pons 7, Haupt 7 (In Vernein 63rd)
Baker 7, 2, Cook 8, Butler 7,
Thom 7 - Nyholt 8, Garvey 7,
Cook: Nick van Eijndorf.

DOVETON: Keogh 7 - Thurlo
8, Gadsby 6, P. Cook 6, Miller 7,
Burdett 6 (Buchanan H.T. 7), Dowle
7, Watson 7, M. Lennon 6 - Sir-
ton 6, Webster 6, Cook: Henry
McChesney.

From early season despair
Ringwood Wilhelmina has
risen to a competent outfit
with every reason to be con-
fident of edging further up
the league table and in the
process has unearthed a very
promising striking com-
bination in Neil Garvey and
John Nyholt.

Garvey's close control is
outstanding. Young Nyholt is
growing in confidence each
game and made a startling
solo run in the dying minutes,
turning the Doveton defence
inside out, only to strike the
ball wide of goalkeeper Sean
Keogh and the post. Had
Nyholt been on target it would
have been a deserved end to
a superb move in which his
dribbling skill and ability to
run at defenders was seen at
its best.

Wilhelmina clearly was
the better drilled team unit in
the first period as lethargic Doveton
did little more than go
through the motions. The
Doves best period came in the
last 20 minutes but by then the
contes. virtually had been de-
cided.

Doveton's Keogh clearly
had made the decision from
the outset to try and grab the

ball from crosses, despite the
muddy conditions. It was a
technique which failed him in
the opening 20 minutes and led
to Wilhelmina's first goal.

Brian Thom, who had a fine
first half, got free down the
left and crossed to the near
post. Keogh charged out of
goal and tried to catch the ball
which eluded his grasp and fell
to Nyholt with his back to the
Doveton goal. The youngster
tried to clear, Steve Gadsby,
the former Hakoah star signed
recently by Doveton from Dan-
denong City, struck the ball
into his own goal off the inside
of the post.

Wilhelmina's greater pos-
session and pressure paid off
in the 38th minute when Thom

got control about 40 metres out
on the left, made a good run
inside then knocked the ball to
Nyholt on the right. The Wil-
helmina striker thumped a
ferocious first time shot into
Keogh's chest and first timed
the rebound firmly onto goal
to make it 2-0.

During Doveton's good spell
in the second half, the visitors
appeared in vain for a penalty,
claiming that Ron Verniers
had tripped Ian Stirton. Wil-
helmina goalie Rick Janssen
had to make two great saves in
this period, getting down well
at his near post and holding
onto a low shot from Mark
Lennon and later charging off
his line to smother Stirton who
had broken clear onto the end
of a deflected shot.

Mighty Miranda

**BOX HILL 3 (Verchia 4th,
Miranda 15th, Gabrielson
35th) FAWKNER 2 (Cozzella
30th, 86th) at Wembley Park,
Sunday.**

BOX HILL: McKinlay 8 - I.
Roodhouse 8, Gabrielson 8, Brown-
lie 8, A. Roodhouse 7 - Hughes 6,
Miranda 3, McDonald 8 - Azzo-
gardi 6, Verchia 3 (In Vernein 63rd),
Taylor 6, Cook: Bill Mur-
phy.

FAWKNER: Tardiff 5 - Fattore
6, Kanderlar 7, Tuffield 8, Schipano
6 - Boskias 5, B. Subitani 6,
McKinnon 6, C. Subitani 6, 6,
Palinias 7, Anselma 7, Cozzella
7, Cook: Cozzella.

A superb performance
from Richard Miranda, a
Fawknor goal chalked off
for a dubious offside just
before half time, and a late
Bruno Sabidussi header
which flashed just wide,
highlighted Box Hill's fine
3-2 home win.

Miranda, bought for \$5,000
from Preston Makedonia ear-
lier this year, gave an out-
standing display in the Box
Hill midfield, capped with
a cracking goal in the 15th
minute.

The Hillmen got off to a
great start, taking the lead in
the 4th minute. Miranda took
a long throw-in from the right,
Don Brownlie headed on and
Peter Verchia beat Ian Tuf-
field to the ball and finished off
the move with a splendid

header from six metres out.
Box Hill almost went further
ahead not long after when Ray
Taylor latched onto a back
pass and tried to lob Rob Ter-
pazin who did well to save.

However, the home side in-
creased its lead in the 15th
minute when Miranda ran onto
the ball and thumped a fer-
ocious drive into the roof of the
net from 18 metres out.

Fawknor hit back through
Bruno Cozzella and looked to
have equalised three minutes
before half time when Mel An-
selma played a superb one-two,
ran onto the return and neatly
struck it past John McKinlay.

But the referee acknowledged
his linesman's signal for off-
side and chalked off the goal,
in spite of the fact that the in-
fringing Fawknor forward was
at least 20 metres away from
Anselma.

Box Hill went further ahead
in the second half when Mi-
randa nodded on from a corner
from the left. Young Central
defender John Gabrielson, who
had come forward for the cor-
ner, had a fine shot chested off
the line but made no mistake
from the rebound, smacking it
into the roof of the net.

With four minutes left, Joe
Palinias cut the ball back, set-
ting up Cozzella who made it
3-2, and in the dying minutes
a diving header from Bruno
Sabidussi almost turned a
commanding Box Hill per-
formance into a nightmare

Pocock to Suburbs, Coulson to Galaxy

**Rajko Curcija from Fawknor to Eltham,
Willie Coulson from Croatia Glenorchy to
Dandenong City and Ray Pocock from Hei-
delberg Bundoora to Western Suburbs . . .**

These were some of the
major moves just before the
June 30 transfer deadline as
many Metro and Provisional
League outfits made one last
bid to improve the quality of
their first team squads.

Metro First Division must
be the closest fought league in
the land. Just seven points sepa-
rates top team Frankston
Pines from bottom of the table
Kew.

Just two points split the last
seven clubs with Richmond,
courtesy of a Dragan Vasic
hat-trick and a Gerry Edmond-
son goal, picking up valuable
points in its 4-1 win over
Altona City on Saturday. Rich-
mond takes on Moreland this
weekend in a game vital to
both sides as they strive to
push clear of the relegation
zone. However, it seems
certain now that the two teams
to drop into Second Division
won't be selected until the final
round of games.

Frankston Pines must be fa-
vorites to clinch promotion.
The Monterey Boulevard
boys are a point clear of Knox
City and Broadmeadows at the
top and face an important
game on Saturday, against
Kew City at Stradbroke Park.
The rivalry between these
clubs should make for an en-
tertaining, hard fought tussle
as Pines try to avenge their 1-0
home loss at the hands of
Terry Hargreaves' Kew ear-
lier in the season.



**Former Sunshine star Ray
Pocock**
in appalling conditions at
Churchill Reserve, St. Albans.

**METROPOLITAN
DIVISION TWO
ST. ALBANS DINAMO
1 (Vojtek penalty 25th)
ARDEER 2 (Di Benedetto
30th, Wisniewski 90th)**

ST. ALBANS: Loeck, Nabillo,
Juricic, Brivacic, Richwalicki,
Dacic, Pavlovic, Vojtek, Matevasev,
Batinovic, Cichowski.

ARDEER: Darch, Orlinki, Bor-
vincinski, Olinowski, Di Benedetto,
Kuczyński, Wisniewski, Gamsanski,
Schuliga, Gondek, Gerick.

BEST PLAYERS: St. Albans:
Dacic, Batinovic, Loeck.

St. Albans played good pos-
session soccer early, without
ever looking threatened due to
the tight defence of 'Keppa
Darch, Orlinki, Olinowski,
Borvincinski and DiBenedetto.

A questionable penalty was
awarded to St. Albans, and
Billy Vojtek converted from
the spot in the 25th minute.
Ardeer rallied and set about
equalising with some fine, de-
spite team support. Defender
Frank Di Benedetto equalised
with a fine volley from outside
the area in the 30th minute.

After the interval Ardeer
ran St. Albans ragged with fine
midfield play from Gamsanski,
Gondek and Kuczyński, creat-
ing opportunities for forwards
Wisniewski, Schuliga and
Gerick who cut the St. Albans
defence to ribbons with his
pace only to be let down with
his finishing on three occa-
sions.

Gerick made amends with a
fine solo run, beating of three
defenders and laying off to
Peter Wisniewski, who neatly
put away the winner, just
before the final whistle, giving
Ardeer a well deserved 2-1 win.

**DIVISION THREE
S.M. MORDIALLOC 0
ELTHAM 1 (Lewis pen-
alty, 85th).**

ELTHAM: Graham 8, Alderson 7,
Garthwaite 9, M. Cirka (Hdzic
23min), 7, Shaw 8, Lewis 8,
Hartman 8, Canale 8, McArthur
(Norton 17 min, 31, Raynes 7, P.
Cirka 7).

S.M. MORDIALLOC: Gilbert, Ka-
ravasil, Zorovic, Milne, Anestasia-
dis, Malcolm, Papa, Beard, Thalaz,
Popara, Delyianis.

After a very even first half
the Redbacks gained ascend-
ancy over their opponents
and although it took a disputed
penalty kick to win the game
Eltham was worthy of the two
points.

Eltham fielded new signing
Rayko Curcija and he made a
world of difference to the side.
The park was in very heavy
condition and the home team
officials did a great job to
make it playable.

Neither side was able to
master the conditions and few
chances were created in the
first period. In the second
half, Eltham produced some
fine soccer with Curcija and
Lewis prominent. The former
had several chances and was
foiled by fine goalkeeping by
Gilbert.

The penalty came 5 minutes
before time-up. There had
been a scramble in front of the
home goal and the ball was
cleared downfield, however
the referee saw a foul on Davy
Norton and awarded a penalty
kick. After all the arguing
Mark Lewis stepped up
to take the kick and put the
ball away in his usual efficient
manner.

**PROVISIONAL
DIVISION ONE
BULLEN-VENETO 1
(Michelloudakis 24th)
CARLTON 2**

BULLEN-VENETO: L. Pilon 6,
M. G. E. Boi 6, P. C. C. C.
Graas 6, D. Sutherland 7, F. Bar-
ber 6, T. Curulli 6, M. Gernall 6, L.
Boarotto 6, J. Michelloudakis 6.

In wet and muddy conditions
Bullen-Veneto suffered a
shock 2-1 defeat at the hands of
Carlton.

SELECTIONS

**METROPOLITAN
DIVISION ONE**
Saturday: Kew v FRANKSTON PINES; Dandenong v Western Suburbs; Broadmeadows v Melbourne.
Sunday: KNOX CITY v St. Albans; Moreland v Richmond (away); Altona City v Werribee.

DIVISION TWO
Saturday: Preston v SPRINGVALE CITY; Kew v MURRAYVILLE CITY; Footscray v ST. ALBANS; Ringwood United v Werribee City (away); Ardeer v THOMASTOWN; DANDENONG CITY v Heidelberg United.
Sunday: Princes v NTH DANDENONG.

DIVISION THREE
Saturday: MORRISTOWN v Port Melbourne; PRIMAARON City v Sandringham; HEDELBURG v Royal Richmond; YALLOUP v St. Albans; Melville; ST. DAVIDS v Sandringham; ELTHAM v Caulfield City; BRIGHTON v Camber.

DIVISION FOUR
Saturday: COBURN v Moreland City; HAMILTON RANGERS v Farnham City; Kynessville v MORDUNDA; HAWTHORN v Reservoir; Essendon City v ROSSDALE; SANBURN v Essendon; Geelong v NTH GEELONG.

DIVISION ONE
Saturday: EAST BRUNSWICK v Melton Uni; LAUR United v Shepparton City; Winkell United v Longmeadow; CLIFTON HILL v Hawthorn; Carlton v VANDERLIE; CLAYTON v Ballarat; Chelsea v BULLION.

DIVISION TWO
Saturday: West Brunswick v MORELAND; CLAREMONT v Kynessville; MALVERN City v Cranbourne v RESERVE; Geelong v ST. DAVIDS; DUNDAS v St. Albans; NUNAWADING v St. Albans.

A brilliant goalkeeping
display by the Carlton keeper
and some bad finishing by the
Bullen-Veneto forwards were
the match highlights.

Bullen-Veneto went one up
when Michaeloudakis headed
home a Boarotto cross from the right.

Carlton equalised six
minutes later when a corner
was headed over the Bullen-
Veneto defenders into the net.

The second half saw Bullen-
Veneto attacking non-stop
but thwarted on numerous oc-
casions by the Carlton keeper.

Carlton, on the only time it
had a shot in the second half,
scored the winning goal when
keeper Pilon misjudged a
cross and the ball floated over
his finger tips into the net.

**DIVISION TWO
SOUTH DANDENONG
4 (Romero 7th, Contreras
penalty 51th, Warzawski
56th, 69th) NUNAWADING
UTD 0.**

SOUTH DANDENONG: C. Bravo,
C. Valenzuela, E. Ramos, J. Valdes,
H. Romero, J. Redondo, J. Presta,
O. Romero (C. Ugarte 72nd), G. War-
zawski, R. Contreras, E. Anselmi.

NUNAWADING UNITED: G.
Cerrati, D. Lizarazu, N. Koloplag,
K. Tok, G. Gary, G. Pine, S. Rubric,
M. Chignina, S. D'Andrea, R. Auri-
sano (L. Mather 62 min.) E. Ra.

Best Player: South Dandenong:
G. Warzawski; N. Koloplag, J. Redondo.
Nunawading United: G.
Cerrati, N. Koloplag, G. Gary.

Without five regular first
team players — one suspended
and four injured — South were
still far too accomplished for
Nunawading. But for the brave
goalkeeping of Cerrati the
scoreline would undoubtedly
have been greater.

The home side took control
from the start, Romero's sev-
enth minute goal being deflected
off Pine. With the midfield
dominated by Contreras and
Redondo, the Nunawading goal
was constantly under pressure
and Warzawski proved quite a
handful for the visitors' de-
fence.

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HAPLESS HELLAS

**NORTHCOOTE 1 (Sahinidis
61st) SOUTH MELBOURNE
HELLAS 0 at John Cain Re-
serve, Sunday.**

NORTHCOOTE: Ostrowsky 7 -
Curtis 7, Boskias 7, Cranny 7 (Milos
6 - Moore 8, Wright 7, Wilson 8
- Sahinidis 7, Testas 6, Gough
8th), Culina 7, Coach: Tony Vrisina.

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS:
Turdull 7 - Anasakis 6, Bozovic 7,
Vardakis 7, Postoglou 6 -
Cummings 6, Kallistidis 6, Woodin
6 - Beldaris 6 (Ivan Eganand 63th),
Kakantoni 6, Kalambouki 5 (Ab-
raham H.T. 6), Coach: Jim Armstrong.

South Melbourne Hellas
now seems rooted to last
spot on the State League
ladder and the expected
benefits of merging with and
eventually taking over
Hakoah two years ago have
not materialised.

Hellas has found itself
unable to compromise be-
tween using its State
League outfit as a breed-
ing ground for NSL hope-
fuls while maintaining its
State League status and

lessening the jump be-
tween its first and second
string sides. None of the
former Hakoah players
are at the club, all having
transferred over the past
two seasons, leaving coach
Jim Armstrong to battle in
vain week in, week out,
with a squad crying for
quality, depth and a em-
blance of stability. While
the NSL side rightly
remains the club's show-
piece, the State League
side is left to struggle
along on a pauper's bud-
get, losing face and heart
with almost every game.

One wonders, in the light
of such despair, just how
much realistically can be
done to develop NSL
players from such a poorly
funded breeding ground.

Followers of NSL and
State League soccer may
care to count the number
of NSL players Hellas has
developed from its State

League ranks in the past
two seasons. It's a mental
exercise which doesn't re-
quire more than a fleeting
thought. Not one such
player exists as a regular
with the NSL side.

Hellas played Northcoote
at John Cain Reserve on
Sunday. The tale of North-
coote's recent history is far
more sorry. From a club
almost split apart by com-
mittee upheavals last year
and fielding a second rate
State League team, the
Northcootes now have es-
tablished themselves in
Victorian soccer's premier
competition.

Their 1-0 win was
achieved with a Jim Sahi-
nidis goal in the 61st min-
ute. The former Heidel-
berg Alexander winger
made a run toward the
near post and got onto the
end of Branko Culina's
pass to score the decisive
goal.

Nothing gained from England games

Many times over the past two weeks 1, as
Victorian Director of Coaching, have been
asked for my opinion of the recent inter-
nationals against England.

I want to make it clear right
from the start that I have not
any admiration for the
players who wore the green
and gold. Nobody could have
expected more from them in
terms of commitment, deter-
mination and at times skill.

The record books will show
possibly the most creditable
set of results that Australia
has ever produced.

Terry Greedy certainly just-
ified his selection and de-
serves all the praise heaped on
him for his performances.
Alan Davidson proved that
a player can be and a number
of good judges will not be
surprised by his form. Charlie
Yankos confirmed the faith
that the predecessor Len
McKendry had always had in
him. Peter Kuhnios enhanced
his reputations and together
with the previous players must
be the basis from which to
build future teams.

Of course, John Kosmina
never can be ruled out of the
reckoning, and David Mitchell
too is one of the future. The
roll given to Ken Murphy did
not allow him to show his ex-
citing attacking flair so often
seen by the press for Victor-
ia.

The rest of the players per-
formed with a lot of credit and
one must admire their dis-
cipline as they obviously
carried out their instructions
which appeared to be mainly
man-marking or patrolling
certain pockets on the field.

I still remain an admirer of
Phil O'Connor and he showed
flashes of flair and skill but
unfortunately did not get enough
opportunity to show his full po-
tential.

However I would not be
honest if I did not express my
disappointment at our ap-
proach to the games. Frank
Arok made it clear from the
beginning that he was after
credible results and it was
always clear his tactics would
be defensive. He selected a
squad, not for the future, but
just to contest this series and
with total disregard for future
team building.

It is my opinion that we have
not used these games for the
benefit of the national team.
I feel they should have been
used as an investment for the
next World Cup squad. This
was the time to make our mis-
takes and unfortunately we ex-
perimented in the wrong half
of the field.



TIM WHITE
Victorian coaching director

Our oppositions in the World
Cup will be New Zealand or
South Korea or Taiwan and I'm
sure we will not be adopt-
ing defensive formations
against them. I am firmly con-
vinced that through a strange
twist of circumstances it is
England which has learned a
lot from this tour and we, who
should have done most of the
learning, have benefited little
except in the record books.

I'm afraid we showed a
certain naivety in adopting the
approach we did. I feel sure
that players like Steve Blair,
Jim Campbell, John Zen-
dorn, Peter Raskopolous,
Paul Kay, Howard Tredinnick
and others could have learned
much from this series and in-
jected that knowledge into our
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above players and others from
gaining valuable experience
but we have displayed a dis-
tinct lack of confidence in
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BOTH AWARD WINNERS WILL FLY THAI INTERNATIONAL

How to get to Australia via Tokyo, Rome and morse code

The football was great but now that the World Youth Championship is over, there are several other things which will stick in my mind as highlights of my trip to Central America to cover the Young Socceros' campaign.

For me getting to know the people and their way of life was much more absorbing than seeing the sights.

And while trying to keep readers in touch with the Socceros' progress I met some delightful characters whom I'll not forget in a hurry.

Over the three weeks I hired a complete bus as my taxi for four hours in Costa Rica, three truckloads of police — armed to the teeth — took me back to our hotel on Toluca and I managed to penetrate the holy of holies of the Ministry of Telecommunications in the middle of the night in Mexico City.

I am thoroughly disappointed I never got to know the bus driver's name in Costa Rica because he was definitely one of the best characters we met on the tour.

He picked us up in San Jose and first gave notice of his fabled antics on the two-hour trip down to the seaside spot of Puntarenas, ignoring double lines, sitting on his horn all the way, over-taking anything in sight even on the most awkward hairpin bends.

He did even better on the trip back to San Jose at the end of the three-day stay in Costa Rica.

This time, egged on by the players, he overtook coaches and semitrailers —

And how about the restaurant senior who's an FBI agent?

By PETER DESIRA who covered the World Youth Championships in Mexico.

going uphill and with his sight restricted to a few hundred yards ahead because of patches of thick fog.

But I move ahead of myself.

When we finally settled in at the Colonial Hotel in Puntarenas, my first thoughts were to look for a taxi to file my report — and foolishly enlisted the bus driver as my aide.

So there I was, the only passenger on a whole bus winding down the streets of Puntarenas answering to the odd word I may have understood while my friend chattered away merrily in Spanish.

Puntarenas had already established itself as a throw-back from the early 1900's with its primitive Cayuga Hotel, the general condition of the houses and the sleepy centre of town — so I feared the worst at the post office.

But I wasn't quite ready to see a morse-code machine

as the main mode of communication at the place. Trying to send a reasonable story on that proved difficult and we gave up after over half an hour with my mate the bus driver still waiting in the shadows mopping his brow in the 37 degree heat.

I was reaching my wits' end by that stage but a piece of paper with an address and the word telax was produced and the driver quite happily dragged me back to the bus for another magical mystery drive to the other end of town.

The address turned out to be a one room shipping agency. Outside there was a ship's rudder, inside there were two desks — and almost unbelievably a modern telax machine.

I almost felt like hugging the manager as I saw my report speeding away to Australia.

Instead I offered his younger brother — the only



Reporter Peter Desira (right) at Mexico's Aztec Stadium, with Australian team doctor Brian Corrigan.

other employee in the business and a keen soccer follower — a match ticket for that night's soccer game providing he would open the agency long enough for me afterwards to get the result through to Melbourne.

My friend the bus driver watched in awe as I whooped my way round the office at the end of the story, then dutifully drove me back to the hotel — and charged me about US\$8 for his four hours of troubles.

The Toluca episode happened on the first night I had

The first thing I set on in the front seat of the police truck was a massive trunk-choon with a shock device at the bottom and operated at the touch of a button at the handle end.

On the right side of me sat a friendly fellow with one tooth missing from the front of the top set, carrying a rifle, a revolver and holding one of those anti-terrorist shields.

In the truck leading the cavalcade around eight policemen, similarly armed, stood in the back around four cages restraining the fiercest German shepherds I have yet laid sight on.

My slight feeling of importance at being escorted back by such a big contingent of police subsided after discovering that I had become part of the night patrol travelling down eerie unlit streets and through unmade roads on the rougher part of town.

The mood relaxed a little bit as the police came down from the trucks and I ended up carrying a right old conversation, part in sign language part in broken Spanish covering everything from the tear gas cans they carried in their hip belt, kangaroos and Australia's nightlife.

Two of the senior officers finally whisked me back to the hotel, in a more conventional police car, around midnight.

Very early in the tour, I had telax problems of another kind, this time when there was a line breakdown between Mexico and Australia with none of the telax offices around town able to get through to Melbourne.

The first Sunday night in Mexico City, at the end of an agonising hour getting "occ" (short for occupied, or busy) with our attempts, calls were made to the Telecommunications Ministry to help me get my story away.

Good cab fares are not easy to find in Mexico City and my driver had, at the evening's start, just double parked (a common occurrence in Mexico) his Volkswagen Beetle outside the telax office and wandered off for a drink with his amigos while I did my work.

Seeing my state of distress, his cab fare immediately doubled, but I was in no mood to argue, just showing him the ministry's address and stupidly saying "rapido" (quickly). He took me at my word, going through red lights galore (another very common occurrence in Mexico) spending more time on the wrong rather than the right side of the road cutting the 20 minute ride by nearly half.

The telax room on the second floor of the ministry had similar problems trying to send my telax before a Signor Contreras called me up to the fifth floor in one final attempt to get the message away.

This floor was obviously a restricted area and the communications systems around the department were the most sophisticated I have seen.

Signor Contreras spoke perfect English and had only recently come back from a week's holiday in Los Angeles — something an everyday worker in Mexico on an average wage of around \$35 a week, can only dream about.

Getting a direct line to Australia still proved difficult here but his officials finally decided to send the telax via a second country.

Language problems with the Tokyo operator proved a barrier as they turned to Rome and sent the telax the long way about to Australia.

If all that sounds far fetched wait until I start on the restaurant owner claiming to be a secret agent for the FBI.



SOCCER AROUND THE WORLD

AEK wins Greek Cup

AEK Athens won the Greek Cup final in Athens in a match overshadowed by clashes outside the ground before the kick-off.

Twenty people were taken to hospital and 50 arrested after fist fights outside the Olympic stadium.

It was the first outbreak of violence at the stadium, venue of last September's European Athletics Championships, since it was opened last year.

AEK qualified for next season's European Cup Winners Cup by beating PAOK Salonika 2-0 in the final. Thomas Mavros opened the scoring in the first half and fellow international Vangelis Vlachos added the second after the interval.

ZICO TO ITALY

It is now almost certain that Brazilian superstar Zico will be playing for Udinese in the Italian League when the next European season starts.

Flamengo has failed in its attempts to recruit sponsors willing to finance a contract sufficiently lucrative to keep its record goalscorer in Rio. Now only the blessing of the Italian federation is required before Zico officially becomes a Udinese player.

It is a remarkable coup for the previously modest provincial club from the north eastern city of Udine, near the Yugoslav border.

Blissett joins Milan

Watford striker Luther Blissett is to join Italian Club AC Milan for \$1.74 million.

Blissett, who toured Australia with the England team last month, flew to Milan to check final details and have a medical.

AC Milan officials met their Watford counterparts, Chairman Elton John and Manager Graham Taylor, in London last week.

The Italians agreed to the huge transfer fee. It was believed he would sign a lucrative contract, replacing former Scotland and Manchester United striker Joe Jordan in the Milan lineup.

He smokes, drinks, hates training and costs \$600,000!



From JIM COOK our European correspondent

Dieter Schatzschneider, Hamburg's \$600,000 replacement for Horst Hrubesch (now with Standard Liege) seems a most unlikely fill-in. For Dieter, 25, on his own admission, admits he cannot head a ball properly. He smokes, drinks and hates training. Six foot plus and 14 stone, this is his first excursion into the big time. Last season he cracked in 31 goals for Fortuna Cologne and the previous year scored 34 for Hannover.

Bad planning

The Football League has been heavily criticised for missing up the opening fixtures for the new season commencing on August 27. Six First Division clubs — Birmingham, Queens Park Rangers, Coventry, Luton, Liverpool and West Bromwich Albion — have away games both on the opening Saturday and two days later on the August Bank Holiday Monday.

On kick-off day the three most exciting fixtures look to be the clash between the F.A. Cup winners — Manchester United, and Terry Venables' promoted Queens Park Rangers, the debut of the \$1.5 million Charlie Nicholas for Arsenal against Luton at Highbury, and another promoted side Wolves, clashing with Football League champion Liverpool which failed to win one of its last seven matches of the 1982-83 season.

Tarantini

Alberto Tarantini, the former Birmingham defender who was one of Argentine's stars in the World Cup in Spain, is set to leave his club, River Plate, unless he gets a \$90,000 re-signing fee.

Robinson

Seville of Spain and Torino of Italy have both made enquiries about Brighton's Republic of Ireland international

striker Michael Robinson who is on a 10-year contract with the South Coast club.

\$3600 fine

John Robertson, the long serving Nottingham Forest and Scotland winger who recently signed for Derby County at expiry of his contract, was fined two weeks wages (\$3600) by Brian Clough for refusing to join the Forest side for a two-match commitment in Canada. Brian Clough and his former assistant Peter Taylor, now boss of Derby, are still haggling over the size of the fee for Robertson and it's unlikely the League Tribunal will decide.

Spurs Ltd.

Tottenham Hotspur are planning to become the first British soccer club to turn into a public company and get a full Stock Exchange listing. Spurs, London's best supported club, is currently \$9 million in the red mainly due to the building of a new stand.

Euro titles

Six stadiums will be used to stage the European Championship finals in France next summer. The finals start on June 12 in Paris where the final will be played on June 27. Other venues to be used are at Lens, Strasbourg, St Etienne, Nantes, Lyon and Marseilles.

Rich prizes

Winners of next year's Milk Cup in England will pick up \$128,000 plus the trophy. The beaten finalists collect \$98,000, semi-finalists \$30,000 each and even first round losers get a cheque for \$2000.

Money back

American soccer clubs are considering copying St George's idea of giving the fans their money back if a game doesn't come up to scratch. The Yankee theory is clubs and players should be more aware of their responsibility.

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JUGOSLOVENSKA SCENA

ZARKO ODZAKOV PREPORODIO MAKE-DONIJU

Jos nije prosla prve polovina prvenstva Nacionalne lige, a Makedonija je praktično obezbedila naslov prvaka, ali je do sada bio monopol siskopskih klubova. Od kako je Peter Ollerton hrabro preuzeo ulogu trenera na početku prošle godine, Makedonija je pokazala vidne znake preporoda. Jos jedan dokaz da bez dobrog igrača nema dobrog trenera. Interesantno je da se svojevremeno Peter Ollerton ponudio "plavi-ma" da bude trener i igrač, ali JUST-u nije bio potreban ni kao igrač, a kamoli trener. Od kako je Peter Ollerton presao u Makedoniju, njima je svanulo, a "plavima" se zamračilo nebo.

Ollerton je uspešno kombinovao mladost sa iskustvom. Drzao je otvorena vrata za sve nove igrače, koji su hteli da se uklupe u njegov sistem otvorene i direktne igre. Nije bio uskrsgod, već je davao prednost igračima po znanju i trudu, a ne po nacionalnosti. Zar ima trenera ko bi smeo da se odrekne Doug Browna? Kako da nema! To je bio Peter Ollerton i zbog toga je Makedonija danas na prvom mestu, a Bryana nigde nema. Veliki igrač ne igra za sebe nego za ceo tim. Takvog igrača dobio je Peter Ollerton u Zarku Odzakovu, koji je prihvatio overuke. Kad je dirigent dobar svi muzičari dobro sviraju. Sa losim i dobri slabo sviraju.

SVAKO ko je gledao poslednju pobedu Makedonije nad Brisbane City-em morao je da uživa u savrsenom

fudbalu. Bila je to prava simfonija, a virtuos je bio Zarko Odzakov.

Sledeće nedelje Makedonija igra protiv Wollongonga u gradu celika, gde će biti pozdravljeni od jake makedonske kolonije, a i svih ostalih Jugoslovena, jer je Zarko Odzakov izraziti predstavnik jugoslovenske škole starih dana, kada su Bobek, Mitic, Cakjovski i Sekularac bili njeni nosioci.

RACUNAJU SE GOLOVI, A NE SANSE

Poslednju JUST-ovu pobedu ne pamte ni vrabci na grani, a jos manje "plavi" navijači. JUST se je vratilo bez ijednog boda iz Kanbere, iako je imao zrelje sanse od domacina. Jedan slučaj gol iz izmislenog slobodnog udarca pokopao je sav napor "plavih" igrača sa jalovom naložom. Zar je neka uteha, sto je zdravko Lujic pogodio prečku kada je deset puta lakse bilo pogoditi praznu mrežu? Pristrasna sudija, kao sto je bio G. Davies, ne bi mnogo pomogao domacima da je JUST iskoristio svoje sanse. Jedini odgovor na golove, koje nema ko da daje. Dolazak McGee-a kao gost igrača treba da donese neku promenu. Ali ne treba zaboraviti da je iduci protivnik Sydney City, koji ima probleme, ali nije odustao od trke za naslov prvaka Nacionalne lige. Jedina je sreća, sto se utakmica igra na igralistu JUST-a, gde se može igrati lep i koristan fudbal. Pitanje je da li će igrati Sulejman Curovic, koji je "profesionalni" izbacen iz stroja, cak je završio u bolnici pod sumnjom preloma kosti u nosu.

NOVI HET-TRIK DRAGANA VASICA

RICHMOND je pobedio ALTONU CITY sa 4:1 (1:0) zahvaljujuci Dragani Vasici, koji je postigao drugi "het-trik" u ovoj sezoni i daleko je najbolji strelac u svome timu, a mozdai i prvoj diviziji, sa 14 golova, iako je odigrao dve utakmice manje od ostalih.

ALTONA GATE/VARDAR - KNOX CITY 1:1 (0:1). Jedini gol za Altonu Gate postigao je Mendo Ristovski iz jedanaesterca, posto je Fred Beller bio srusen u kaznenom prostoru. Igra je bila brza i ostra, a rezultat realan. Igraci Vardara su bili slabiji nego obicno, osim Stefa Trajkovskog, Milana Micevskog i Jovana Serovskog, koji zaslužuju pohvalu. Rezerve su igrale nereseno 1:1. Vardar je promasio jedanaesterac. Iduće nedelje Vardar je slobodan, dok Richmond odlazi u goste Morelandu, sto je prilika za Dragana Vasica da se ucvrsti na celu liste strelaca.

DRUGA DIVIZIJA

NANAWADING CITY - DRUGI TIM JUST-a 1:0 (0:0). Na očajnom terenu, koji je visio kao cardak sa jednim krajem na nebu, "plavi" se nisu najbolje snasli. Vise su se kizali nego sto su igrali, ali ipak

imali su zrelije sanse od domacina, koje su ostale neiskorisćene. Vec odavno JUST nema pravog strelca u prvom, jos manje u drugom timu. Novi golman Michael Tan mogao je da odbrani gol, ali je zato odbranio jedanaesterac, sto je bilo mnogo teze. U predgri su rezerve igrale nereseno 2:2 (1:2). Strelac oba gola bio je novajlija u "plavom" dresu Anthony Clayworth. U subotu 9. jula "plavi" igraju protiv St Albans na svom igralistu u Footscrayu.

HEIDELBERG - RINGWOOD/SRBILJA 0:0. Zahvaljujuci golmanu Jimmy Milsu, Srbija je osvojila jedan bod iako je najveći deo vremena branila. U subotu 9. jula Srbija je domacin Waverley Cityu.

WAVERLEY CITY - DRUGI TIM MAKEDONIJE 1:2 (0:2). Podmladjeni tim Makedonije zaslužio je pobedu borbenog i ostrom domacina, kome je sudija pružio svesrdnu pomoc, ali uzalud. Pored dva izmislena jedanaesterca u razmaku od 10 minuta, od kojih je jedan golman Ofranakos odbranio, dosudio je indirektni gol od 4 metra od gola minut pre kraja utakmice. Na sreću gol je završila u gol autu. Strelci za Makedoniju Arthur Christov i Ljubko Galevski. Najbolji igrač: Jimmy Taneyevski, Gary Ofranakos, Jimmy Belevski i Arthur Christov. Oslabljena rezerva izgubila je sa 0:6. U subotu 9. jula drugi tim Makedonije igra na svom igralistu protiv Springvale Citya.

HAZIGRANA MLADOST

BULLEEN - CARLTON/MLADOST 1:2 (1:1). Mladost je priredila neugodno iznenađenje domacima, iako je nastupila bez 4 regularna igrača, dok je Milorad Milosavljevic završio utakmicu na stakama. Igraci Mladosti smatraju da im je inspiraciju dao novi trener Ilie Rocco, koji je stupio na dužnost prošlog utorka. Bulleen je poveo sa 1:0 iz ofsajda, koji je uzalud reklamirao medijasi sudija. Izjednačio je Mirko Bekar, a pet minuta pre kraja Vasko Stojčevski dao je pobedonosni gol. Najbolji igrač bio je golman Sava Rankovic, koji je izdržao pravo ratno bombardovanje, ali je svega jedanput pokleknuo, kao sto smo spomenuli, iz ofsajda. Rezerve su igrale nereseno 0:0. U subotu 9. jula Carlton/Mladost igra protiv Yarravilla u North Sunshineu.

HAWKSBURN - CLAYTON 2:2 (1:0). Strelci: Istvan Laslo u 15. i Andras Kazi u 55. minutu iz jedanaesterca, posto je prethodno Steve Bleksanj oboren u kaznenom prostoru. Sudija je u 9. minutu izbacio protivnickog igrača, ali umorni igrač Hawkburna nisu uspeali da iskoriste brojnu nadmocnost. Pet igrača su odigrali dve utakmice uzastopce. Za rezervu i prvi tim su igrali: Sandor Kazi, Andras Kazi, Pero Oslakovic,

George Antal i Istvan Laslo. Najbolji igrač Steve Bleksanj, Stepan Kanton i Joe Sabo. Rezerva je pocela utakmicu sa 9 igrača, a završila sa 11. Gosti su pobedili sa 3:2 (1:0). Laci Palo je postigao oba gola sa bele tacke, dok je Istvan Laslo promasio 3 do 4 "stiera". U subotu 9. jula Hawkburn je gost Clifton Hills. MONASH UNIVERSITY - LALOR/SLOGA 1:3 (0:3). Strelci: Tome Tasevski, Ljuba Stojanovic i Viktor Zasluzna. Zasluzna pobeda Sloge po blatnjavom terenu, zbog cega je poplutio tempo igre posle odmora. Rezerva je pobedila sa istim rezultatom 3:1 (2:1). Strelci: Tony Georgijevski 2 i Mick Markovski. U subotu 9. jula Lalor/Sloga igra na svom igralistu protiv Shepparton Citya.

NEODIGRAN DERBI

Zbog loseg terena i kise otkazan je Jugo-derbi treće provizionalne divize između Pascoe Vale/Pelistera i Altona/Vojvodine. BRATSTVO/JEDINSTVO - CLARINDA KOYOONG 6:0. Laka i ubedljiva pobeda, za koju nam nedostaje izvestaj (jer je nas saradnik bio na svadbi), praktično je osigurala naslov prvaka Bratstvo/Jedinstvu daleko pre kraja prvenstva. U subotu 9. jula Bratstvo/Jedinstvo odlazi u goste Moe Unitedu. Pascoe Vale/Pelister je gost Dallas Citya, dok je Altona/Vojvodina domacin West Melbournea.

DERBI BEZ ODLUKE

BOSNA - CRVENA ZVEZDA 1:1 (1:1). Teren nije bio pogodan za igru, sto nije smetalo starim rivalima da pruže sve od sebe. Strelci: Ibro Hadziabdic u 27. minutu za Bosnu, Dragan Milenkovic u 37. za Zvezdu. U 20. minutu Bosna nije iskoristila jedanaesterac. Bruno Aleksic je srusen u kaznenom prostoru i sudija je opravdano pokazao na belu tacku.

Milorad Velickovic je snazio sutirake, ali izvanredni golman Nikola Banovic bacio se na pravi stranu i hvata loptu. Banovic je bio heroj ove utakmice, dok su Branko Gavran i Bruno Aleksic bili najbolji igrači Bosne. U predgri je rezerva Crvene zvezde pobedila Bosnu sa 2:0 (0:0). U nedelju 10. jula Bosna je domacin Old Scotchu na Burnley Ovalu, dok Crvena zvezda odlazi u goste Dandy Olympicu na igralistu Dandenong High School, My. 90 C.5.

JUNIORSKO PRVENSTVO

Juniori JUST-a ispod 11 godina pobedili su St Albans sa 2:0 (0:0) na neutralnom terenu, posle izvanredne igre u završnici. Strelci: Stever Mernik i Robert Tripunovski.

AEK to buy Ross for \$272,000

AEK Athens is to buy Scottish midfielder Trevor Ross from English first division club Everton.

Cypriot businessman Vangelis Pananides, AEK's newly-appointed president, said the club was buying Ross, formerly of Arsenal, for 20 million drachmas (nearly \$272,000).

Laszlo Budai dies

Laszlo Budai, right winger in the "Magical Mayvans" side of the 1950s, died aged 55, the official Hungarian MTI news agency has announced.

Budai played 39 times for Hungary between 1949 and 1959, during which time it took the gold medal at the 1952 Olympics and finished runner-up to West Germany in the 1954 World championships.

Budai played for Ferencvaros, Edosz and Budapest Honved.

McNeill to Man. City

Manchester City, relegated from English First Division football last season, has appointed Celtic's Billy McNeill as its new manager.

The challenge of English football and a three-year contract believed to be worth double his Celtic salary, have tempted McNeill away from the club that has been his life for more than 20 years.

McNeill, who will be paid \$30,000 a year, was a key defender in the famous Glasgow club's run of domestic and European successes in the 1960s.

He becomes City's ninth manager in 11 years and follows John Benson, dismissed when the club dropped into the second division.

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ΑΘΩΝΙΑΣ

Παρατήθηκε από το πόστο του υπερόχου επί του Πόνου ο κ. Πέτρος Μπουτνίκης, ο οποίος είχε πάρει άριστα για την σωστή δουλειά που είχε παρουσιάσει.

Ξαπλώσαμε ο σάλανος του Μπράνγουνι, με καλώς την την θέση με τον καλύτερο τρόπο.

Η ΕΛΛΑΣ

Νέα ήταν δέχθηκε η Ελλάδα από το Περί με Ι-0 και συνεχίζει να είναι 13η θέση του βαθμολογικού πίνακα της Γ' του Μετρου πολιτών και να κινδυνεύει με υποβιβασμό. Καιρός είναι να σηκώσουν τα μανίκια επι-λά οι υπερόχοι και να παλαίσουν για την δόξα τους γιατί οι άνωτες λιγοστεύουν.

ΚΑΙΡΟΣ ΧΑΙ

Βαρύτα η κατάσταση έδρα από το λαγνούν-ριον δέχθηκε το κλάτο ΧΑ με 5-0 και άρ-χιος να βγαίνει από την κούρση του πρωτα-θλήματος. "Πήν βρισκαται 5 βαθμούς πίσω από την πρωτοπόρο Αδρα Γιάραβιλ.

Στο μεταξύ το μόνο ευχάριστο που άνοθενα-με από τον ούλο-γο είναι ότι έδωθηκε ού-νός μας ούλδων κλάτο ΧΑ που σίγουρα θα βοηθήσει θετικά την συνταγή δόξα.

ΤΟ ΟΥΛΑΝ ΙΑΝΗΥΤΙΣΤΕΙ

Σε "ουλήν, το κινάδευκο και ιστορικό σμα-ματείο από το περασμένο Σάββατο υπήρξε στην κορυφή του βαθμολογικού πίνακα της Γ' του Μετροπόλitan μετά τον ούλδων έπλ το κούμκου 4-0 και την ίσοπαλία που έ-φερε το κλάφηντ Ι-1 με την τελευταία δ-μάδα του πρωταθλήματος Μπράντον. Καί οι δύο ομάδες τώρα ίσοβαθούν με κα-λύτερο το "ουλήν λόγω βαρυστάς τεταμάτων και στόχς έδωμενους άνωτες δά κανελ ποιά θα επικρατήσει και θα κερδίσει τον τίτλο στην κατηγορία που έχει γίνει υπέροχο έλ-ληνική.

Η ΔΟΞΑ ΗΤΑΝ ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΟΜΑΔΑ ΣΤΟ ΝΤΕΡΠΟΥ ΜΕ ΤΟ ΜΠΑΝΤΟΥΚΗ ΝΟΥ ΤΟ ΚΑΡΜΕΣ Ο ΡΟΛΑΡΑΡΕ ΜΕ ΑΥΟ ΥΠΕΡΟΧΑ ΤΕΡΜΑΤΑ

Στο έλληνοϊταλικό ντέρπου με το "Έστ Μπράντονου" η Αδρα Γιάραβιλ ήταν μεγάλη δόξα, πήρε δόκιμα την νίκη, τους δύο βαθ-μούς και χειροκροτήθηκε από τους άνωτες της που πράγματι χάθηκαν για μία άδωμη φορά πόδδωσαιρο.

"Η πρωτοπόρος και άζητητη έλληνική ομάδα υπήρξε στον άνωτα με τον Αέρα της νίκης που την ξεκίνησε ο Βούλαρης με φαντασ-τίκ γκολ (φωλλέι) και την στερώνσε ο Γ-βιος στο 64' κάνοντας το τελικό 2-0.

"Ολοι οι παίκτες της Αδρας έδωσαν τον κα-λύτερο έαυτό τους και η "Ιταλική ομάδα στάθηκε τυχερή που δεν δέχθηκε δύο άδωμη γκολ σε ούτο του Βούλαρη.

"Ας σημειωθεί ότι το Μπράντονου σε έλο-τον άνωτα είχε μόνο ένα άξέλογο ούτο το όποιο απέκρουσε ο Γιάταρας.

Ε όπερική και στα 90' λεπτά ήταν με την Αδρα η όποια σε συνδυασμό με την ήττα του Μπουλάην από το Κλάτο ΧΑ-Ι "Έθουτε δύο βαθμούς μπροστά στον βαθμολογικό πί-νακα της Α' του Προβίλινονλ Αήην.

"Η διατήρηση του γνωστού ρεσέρβ τοβ Μά-σιοναλ Αήην κ. J. FERN ήταν άριστη και χειροκροτήθηκε από νικήτες και ήττημέ-νους. Ανεκρίβλονται άξίζει τους 10 βαθ-μούς.

Με την Αδρα έπαιξαν οι Γιάταρας, Αμανατίλδης Ντ. Αποστολίδης (37' Ψωλακίδης), Θ. Δημη-τριου, Περβίδης, Βούλαρης, Καλλιπολάτης, Ξ. Δημητριου, Πιερλίδης, Αισαπούλας, Μελέτης.

ΝΙΚΗΤΑΝ ΚΑΙ ΟΙ ΑΝΑΠΗΡΟΜΑΤΙΚΟΙ

Η Β' ομάδα της Αδρας νίκησε κι' αυτή την αντίστοιχη του Μπράντονου με 3-2. Τα τέρματα πέτυχαν οι Χότας 2 και Α. Παπα-δόπουλος.

ΕΥΧΕΣ ΣΤΟΝ ΤΩΝΗ ΑΜΑΝΑΤΙΑΗ

Σήμερα Τετάρτη ο βασιλικός άμυντικός της Αδρας Γιάραβιλ και κάπταίν, άνωχωρεί για την "Ελλάδα για διακοπές.

"Ο Τώνης "Αμανατίλδης πριν από την "Ελλά-δα και τα έμμερα νουσιά της δά έπισκεφθεί την Αμερική την Γαλλία και την "Ιταλία. Σε Α. Σμυρόβηλο, οι συμπαικτες του και ο προπονητής του εχόνται καλές διακοπές. "Ας σημειωθεί ότι πριν λίγο καιρό έθουτε για διακοπές στην "Ελλάδα και ο τερματο-φύλακας Νίκος "Ακροταυλίδης.

ΟΙ ΟΜΑΔΕΣ ΜΑΣ ΧΟΡΕΥΟΥΝ

Σε Σάββατο η Αδρα Γιάραβιλ διοργανώνει βραδυά ντίσκο στην αίθουσα δεξιώσεων του σχολείου του θράνσις στράτ. "Ολοι οι οί-λοι του συλλόγου είναι ευπρόδοκτοι και για είσοτήρια τηλεφωνώστε στο 682068.

Την ίδια μέρα χορεύει και το κλάτο ΧΑ στο Χάλ του κ. Ούνη Σκορόβηλο.

Στις 16 "Ιουλίος χορεύει και το κλάφηντ με την ΧΑλ του Δημαρχείου του Κλάτον.

ΦΟΒΟΥΝΤΑΙ ΤΟΝ ΜΑΚΕΝΤΕΥ

"Η άλλαγή προπονητή στην "Ελλάς Μελοβού-νης δημιούργησε και... προβλήματα στον "Αλέξανδρο.

Συνεκρίμενα τον Μακέντυ στον πάγκο της Ελλάς δεν τον έλακνου και με τόσο καλό μέτι και δεν έρχανέται το πρόσφατο 5-0 από το Νιρην Γιάλλν για το "Αμπελ Κάπ με το όποιο τεχνικός ήταν ο διακεκριμένος Λέν Μακέντυ.

Κορυφαίος παράγων του Μέγα μάς είπε για το ντέρπου με την "Ελλάς: "Μπορεί να μα-ζέψουμε τώρα περισσότερο κόσμο που στον πάγκο της "Ελλάς θα είναι ο πρώην προπο-νητής μας Μακέντυ αλλά οι φόβοι μου εί-ναι μεγάλοι για το αποτέλεσμα".

ΗΤΑΝ ΑΤΥΧΗ Η ΕΛΛΑΣ ΜΕΑΡΟΥΠΗΝΕ

"Οπωσδήποτε η "πρώτη" μέρα του κινάδα-του προπονητή Λέν Μακέντυ στο Μίντλ Πέ-ρκ ήταν άτυχη για τον ίδιο και για την ομάδα του την Ελλάδα Μελοβούνης η όποια παρουσιάστηκε πολύ καλότερη από τις προ-ηγούμενες έμφανείσεις της.

Οι κινάδωνειοι παίκτες ήταν ένθουσιόδεξ και κινητικοί και στα 90' λεπτά της συνά-ντησης με την Βουδαπέστη. Σουεχώς βρισκό-ντουσαν στην έπιθεση αλλά στάθηκαν άτυχοι στο τελικό αποτέλεσμα.

"Η Βουδαπέστη ήταν τυχερή και τα γκολ που σημείωσε ήταν ένα άδρο αυτογόλφ και ένα ά-πό θέση στατικής. Με άλλα λόγια οι κινητικοί της ομάδας του "Αροκ δέν μπήκαν ούτε μία φορά μέσα στην περιοχή του άμπετ. Παρά την άττα της η Ελλάδα δεν ήταν άσχημη και δεν θα άφηνε να μπει στο καλό όδρομο των έπιτυχιών.

Είναι χωρίς μέσα σε δύο μέρες να ξανακί-νεται "τοός παίκτες της "Ελλάς δ Μακέντυ και να πιστεύουν στην νίκη, κάτι που το έχουν ξεχάσει από καιρό.

Είμαστε όμως βέβαιοι ότι στο τέλος θα δι-κασιεύσουν αυτό που ήθελαν και βοηθήσαν στην άλλαγή.

Θά δικαιωθεί ο πρόεδρος κ. Ανεζάνης και δ οι στήριχτες παλληκαριότα μονά του και δπωσδήποτε θα έκτεθούν άδωμη περισσότερο έκείνοι έδοι που έβριταν την άντιπάσειά τους για τον ίδιο και πού καλό για τον προπονητή Λέν Μακέντυ δ όποιος μέχρι τά-ρα μόνο έπιτυχιες έχει στο ένεργητικό του με δος έμμερες και ά έχει έρρωσθεί. Ο καιρός θα δικαιώσει και την στήλη που συνεχίζει να έκτερείται στην άξία του Λέν Μακέντυ δ όποιος θα φτιάξει μία "Ελλάς μεγάλη σφουμα με την ίστορία της.

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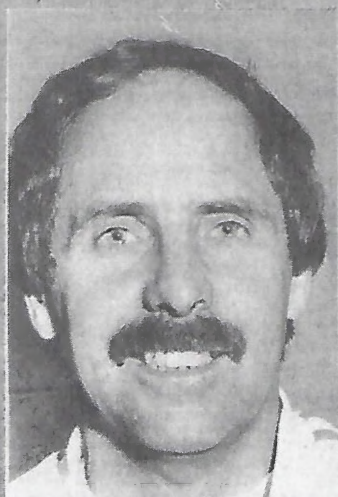
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